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DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO YORK FORT. LONDON, JULY 8, 1701. RECEIVED PER COLCHESTER, SEPTEMBER 9, 1702. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 36—51.]

LONDON THE 8th: JULY 1701.

OUR DEPUTY GOVR: & COUNCILL OF YORK FORT.

1. You will herewith receive Copy of Our List to you dated the 21st: November 1699 sent by the Madrass which ship we hope arrived you and was dispatched back again in due time so as we may expect her every day.

2. You will understand very likely before this that the [Scepter] was shipwracked on the Coast of Wales in January last the Packets & almost all the goods with severall of the men lost so that [wee] have no later advices from you than what the Armenian Merchant brought us Dated the 17th: ffebruary 1699.

3. Before we come to take notice of the materiall parts of that Letter Wee shall give you some directions for the future methodizing of your Letters which you will do well likewise to observe in your advices to ffort St.: George That is to say to range the whole under these Generall heads following Vizt.:

1st: Touching shipping gone out or returned and goods sent from hence.

2. Concerning Investments of Goods proper for Europe & wherein Deficient or blameworthy if so.

3. Of matters relating to our Trade in Generall and therein any Transactions relating to the Countrey Government and Our Accompts in Particular.

4. Concerning Our Revenues and ffortifications.

5. Touching ffactors & Writers Officers & Souldiers & their Accompts.

6. Concerning such Matters as relate to the New Company Our Competitors—after which you may add some other Occurrences as you shall judge not properly reducible to these [General] heads aforesaid.

FFIRST AS TO SHIPPING GON OUT AND RETURNED AND GOODS SENT FROM HENCE.

4. Wee have sent out this last season to the Coast and Bay 7 Ships to Suratt and Bombay 3 Ships to China 3 Ships one of which will returne to the ffort on board of them wee have a very great Estate of the Returning Ships are arrived as yet only the Howland from the ffort and the Chambers ffrigott from the Bay thô severall more are suddenly expected.

5. What goods and money we send by this Ship you will observe by the Invoyces as also what supplyes of stores of all sorts for time to come be more exact in sending accompt of what stores and necessaryes of all kinds you want which you can better Judge of than leave it entirely to us to collect from a Generall Accot: of remains as you did by this Packett therefore for the future send Lists as well of what you want as what you have still by you returne us such broken Armes &c.a: as are uselesse to you and you apprehend worth while to send home.

6. Wee observe your reason for dispatching away the Armenian Merchant before the Scepter because some of her men deserted her and thereby she became weakly manned which being don we are unwilling to say any more of it hoping you meant it for the best. But you should have considered the Scepter was the bigger shipp and consequently her Demorage would stand us in much more her

Cargo also was very considerable and your Orders from the ffort to Dispatch her first were positive so that when there must be a hazard run all our Servants to their power Ought to regard which was most for Our advantage and accordingly take care we run as little hazard as wee can had the Scepter being first loaden she in all probability had saved her passage and Cargo too this we principally observe to you for your future direction althô Our smarting Loss will not permitt us to pass it by without censure.

7. Wee have not as yet received any reasons why you kept the Scepter so much longer when by your own Letters you confess you had from the ffort (under whose direction you are) particular Orders to dispatch her early having such a large quantity of Bale goods on board nor do we find there was a want of Pepper on the Contrary your preceding Letters assure Us you had and should have above 2,000 Bahar of Pepper ready in your godownes for any expected shipping. This makes us the more wonder at the stay what you write of the ship being so long at Tryamong looks to us rather like an Excuse for spending him to little or no purpose than a reason we have the more reason to say so because you had from the ffort the aforesaid positive Orders to hasten away the Scepter and if there wanted any part of her Loading then to fill her up out of the Armenian Merch^t: and if the Armenian Merchant wanted her complement of Tonnage to send her to the ffort to fill up with Bales.

8. Wee did in August last in an Overland Letter to the ffort write [to] President and Council touching the Contents of your Letter by the Armenian Merchant at the same time directing them to get you, two such Sloops as you write for built at the Coast or in the Bay : also to supply you with Mussoolas and some Coffrees trained up to manage and mend them to send you what Coffrees they can sp[are] for Souldiers or handicrafts and to order what they think convenient as to the repairs of your fortifications building an Hospitall &c^a: conveniencyes Which your Letters make mention whose orders thereon do you obey in everything not repugnant to these we are now giving in the subsequent part of this Letter under their proper heads and We expect your like Complyance with all their Orders.

9. We have in the same letter directed Our President and Councill to send you once a yeare a small Vessell with stores of Rice and Provisions from the Bay and to contrive the matter so as to lessen the Charge by Ordering her to returne back to the ffort or Bay w^th: a Lading of Pepper and thereby earn a great part of her freight.

10. We have Ordered Our President and Councill also to buy or build a proper Vessell at or near the ffort which may be constantly employed in Voyaging between Madrass and Your Coast or may be sent downe to the Bay for Provisions &c^a: necessaryes and so come to you and thence dispatcht back with Pepper to either place according as you shall have directions.

11. Thus you see what charge We are willing to be at for your Encouragm^t: what more remaines but that you do your Parts to make as full & large returnes of Pepper as you can To cultivate and Improve Our Pepper Settlements and do everything else which may most contribute to Our advantage. Particular Directions you will find [at] large in your Registers of Letters sent from hence from time to time since the first Settlement on Sumatra and you will do well to order your Secretary to Collect them into a Booke for y^t: purpose and with them any other received from ffort S^t: George to the end you may see them at one view and thereby bring to your remembrance many materiall Directions which your Late letters show have been forgotten or carelessly past over.

Secondly as to your Investments.

12. We take notice of your promises of securing the Pepper [on the] Coast for Our shipping and what you had done in order [. . .] by settling and composing the Differences between the contending Rajahs and heads of their casts Wee have

given our opinions and directions at large on this head in former letters for many yeares past whereto you will do well to have recourse. One Method we directed you unto was where you saw an Active governing usefull person such as the then Rajah of Syllebar you might entertain him as titular second of the Councill or bestow upon him any other marke of honour and give him such encouragement as you saw fitt to engage him entirely to Our Interest and to Co-operate with you in buying up the Pepper in the circumjacent Countrey. We might here repeat severall other directions but think it needless because all Our Orders are and we suppose you take them to be of a permanent nature And alwayes in force except where some Extraordinary Cases may cause a temporary alteration.

13. You take notice in your Letter that you have seen some very good Castia Lignum to the Northward but no quantity of it procurable this we think is no excuse for your not obeying Our Orders to send us what you could of it good of the kind you should have bought up what presented which would have encouraged the Mallays to supply you with more when they saw themselves sure of a markett.

14. As to Benjamin considering how dear it costs and what little gain there is upon it when best bought We are not overfond of it, choosing rather that Our money was laid out in Pepper because, a great deal of money lyes in a little room when purchasing that Commoditie in comparison of Pepper, however, you may if you can meet with it if pure and unmixed, and the Price is encouraging buy up 3 or 4 Tons, otherwise send none it yields here from £14 to £15: 10s: ℘ hundredweight the Custome whereof is nine pence a pound and the freight you will know by the severall Charterparties reckoning twenty [or] hundred to the [Tonn] this is the price of the very best, the worst sells at halfe the Price so that at your present prime Coste ℘ Invoices We loose out of Pockett by the best and a great deal more by what is adulterated, however, being a Kintlage Commodity some should be bought if want other Kintlage.

THIRDLY AS TO OUR TRADE IN GEN^LL: TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOV^TS: & OUR ACCO^TS: IN PARTICULAR.

15. On this head of Trade and dealing with the Natives you will also find instructions at large more or less in all Our former Letters for divers yeares past. We have likewise ordered that [trade] be equally indulged to all our People and Inhabitants and [that] your promise thereupon be from time to time turned into [℘formance] all the money we now send are Mexico Dollars as you desire.

16. Wee are sorry you have so few Chinese Inhabitants [you . . .] they have all manner of incouragement and we hope they [. . . .] so but it is a little strange they should not as much covet to [be] under our mild Government as at the Dutch Settlements on the Coast. Wee recommend this matter to you our Present Deputy Governour and Councills care to Examine into the true reason of those peoples declining to live with you and whatever obstacle lyes in the way remove it. You will on reperusing our letters Observe how desirous we have alwayes been of their Company and why and what large liberty we allowed to be given to encourage their Industry in cultivating the Place by Planting and other Improvements.

17. We have perused your desires for takeing off the halfe penny a pound additionall duty on Pepper and the reasons you alledge for that purpose and althô you may observe in Our former Letters very substantiall reasons for imposing and [continuing] that new duty yet to shew you how desirous we are of doing everything w^ch: you propound that carryes any face of probability in it we consent that you shall take only one halfe penny ℘ pound custome for Pepper of all ships that have the Passes of our Generall at Bombay our Presidents at the ffort Bay or Suratt or other our Chiefs of ffactorys. But then we Expect this liberty be rightly used that is to say that our own ships be first and fully served and the sufficient quantity formerly ordered at least two hundred Tonns ly ready in the

Godownes for our Expected shipping which being done you may assist any of our owne people (having passes to signifie they came by Our said Chief ffactors leave) with as much pepper and as soon as you can to encourage their coming againe we hope you will not make an ill use of this Indulgence. Our Accompts we expect be annually sent us. Wee are sorry [for] the sickness of our Servants which put them so farr behind hand but you must consider those accompts are neither intricate in their nature nor Voluminous as to the quantity of business that a little hearty application might do much [towards] the Compleating them. It is for want of these we are in the Dark what value to send you for by our reckonings here every Ship leaves a large overplus of stock more than her Invoice homeward amounts to and wee are surprized to read you complain your Cash is bare, considering the money you had of Captain Carswell and Captain Phenny by Exchange the remaines of the Armenians Cargo and the great supplyes sent from the ffort. This and many other reasons might be given to inforce Our Orders for sending the Accompts yearly. Besides which it argues an honest mind in Our Chiefs when they are carefull in seeing them brought up and yearly sent home. Whereas their negligence therein lookes just the Contrary and we are hardly brought to believe there is so much in any excuse for delays as the letters would suggest unto us.

18. We know not what more to write you than we have formerly done touching your Correspondencyes with and behaviour towards the Governing Mullays Sultans Rajahs or Proarteens w[ch]: you say are generally treacherous. Sometimes you write they are peaceable than one or another are making new Quarrells and a long time & vast trouble is taken up to compose and allay them. Wee are ready to think there is not that discretion used towards them as ought to be. It is not alwayes acts of violence and mere force that keeps people under obedience, a little good nature & complaisance will better prevail surely if you kept some of the head Rajahs in your pay as we in a former Paragraph intimated it might have a good Effect; any way we shall approve of that may produce as sufficient Quantityes of Pepper and with as much good husbandary as you can: We should be oftner supplying you with ships if we had but a probable prospect they would be timely dispatch'd.

19. You will do well to be often reperusing the orders we from time to time send you and the advices we receive from you by this meanes we sho[d]: have no occasion for repetitions and Complaints when M[r]: Barwell was there and M[r]: Mildmay their letters gave us a very promising prospect of Our affairs and now all things by this last Letter look rather lowring and as if they went backward but we hope this will be mended hereafter.

FFOURTHLY CONCERNING OUR REVENUES & FFORTIFICATIONS.

20. We observe what you write concerning the Delays [. . .] ffort your want of an hospitall & proper lodgings for the [souldiers] and had you with any attention read over our former letters [you] would have found full directions on these heads we wrote last to the ffort S[t]: George and now say the same to you repair what [. . .] build an Hospitall for the sick and proper Lodgings for [the] Souldiers you have Clay enough and wood to burn it into [Bricks] wherewith you may fully supply yourselves to answer these occasions takeing care the Lodgings be raised a sufficient [height] above ground to prevent the Damps of the Earth injuring [our] Peoples health you may Consult the Commanders of our Ship and their Officers many of whom are skilled in ffortification and Gunnery touching your repairs and buildings to make them more serviceable But in former times and particularly in October [1685] in June 1686 and August 1687 We wrote you at large to build Barracks for the Souldiers to lodge in within the fort to be very carefull of their healths and by suttlers or such like proper methods to take care the Souldiers have daily fitting wholsome Provisions allowed them. We can doe no more than give Direction and hope you will exceed your Predecessors by an Effectuall and speedy complyance with them.

21. Since the Place is not so healthfull as we could wish we are willing to spare some reasonable Charge to render it better one way to effect it we apprehend will be to cut glades or Passages through the woods in the Winds eyes this will give the air a freer passage will dry up some of the Swamps and Morassy parts where the water lodges and corrupts for want of the wind and sun to dry it up and by this meanes and draining the swamps contribute to your health.

22. We observe what you say touching Tryamongs unhealthinesse That it would be better to remove to Bentall and have wrote to Madrass that ꝑhaps there may be some persons who can give them a true discription of both places and that they thereupon send you such Orders as they think fitt. To [which] wee shall add That as wee would contribute all we [can to] have all our peoples lives preserved so on the other hand we ought not to have our money squandred away what security can we have if we should lay out a sume of money in building at Bentall. We shall not have the like complaint of that place we have now of the other and a fresh desire of building at a third place as more healthy We have always encouraged the fortifying Bencoolen and allowed everything to make it tenable but as for out pagars[1] we wou^d be at no more Charge then needs must about them just enough to keep our People dry and Warm as to building. Thus having our directions in generall we leave it to your discretion to do with relation to Bentall what shall be Judged most for our service after a mature deliberation of all that occurs pro & con. We can't stint you as to the Number of Pagars you must have as many as you want but remember the fewer you have the less charge are we at in building repairing mens wages and other Expences.

FIFTHLY AS TO FFACTORS & WRITERS OFFICERS & SOULDIERS AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

23. We have been laying out for a Minister and Surgion ffactors & Writers and what we can gett shall send by the ship however when you want and can be supplyed out of our ships we ꝑmitt you to doe it.

24. What Souldiers we can gett for so small a Ship shall send you.

25. If wee have a Conveniency wee may another Season send you some Madagascar slaves notwithstanding wee have wrote to the ffort to supply you as they are able.

26. As to the retrenching our Charges it bespeaks its owne Comendation but so intent we are for your welfare that we are willing you sho^d: continue the generall table which you intimate was reduced & Dyett money in Lieu of it allowed at Tryamong and the like was about doeing at York fort. We don't at present see how that is like to save Charges for sure ten persons in Company can dine cheaper & better for the same money than one can for the tenth part of it soe that we dont desire you should insist upon that Price of good husbandry or omitt any timely necessary reperations but in other things we shall be glad of your utmost frugality.

27. The Mother and other Relations of M^r: William Coote late second of Tryamong deceased have represented to us That he left considerable Effects behind him great part of which by his will he has bequeathed to them they pray wee will Order you to looke after his said Effects and pay their produce into our Cash which we would have you do accordingly advising Us of the whole that we may pay the same to the Parties concerned If there be a will as they hear do you send it or its Copy by the first Conveyance.

28th: We have Entertained M^r: Peter Robertson Gunners mate att Bencoolen at the usuall pay and for as much as he has beene serviceable to our Ships at Mauritius we have given him five pounds and advanced five pounds more to be repaid out of his growing sallary. We have also told him that if you see fitt you may employ him in Our Shipping he being a good Mariner we have paid his and his wifes Passage.

[1] *Pagar.* Malay word for fence or enclosure or factory.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

SIXTHLY AS TO THE NEW COMPANY.

29. We apprehend you need little instruction on this head but wee shall give you one Paragraph Verbatim which we sent to all other Our Residences last yeare that you may see how little we apprehended their pompous titles of Consuls &c^{a}: affected us Viz^{t}:

30. Wee observe also in all places where the new Gentlemen come they pretend to be cloathed with a Consulary authority and to engross all applications to the Princes and Governours to themselves, threatning Imprisonment in Irons and strange Bugbear powers over the Persons and Estates of such as shall presume to intermedle with that priviledge vested only in them. We can't suppose such big words and Titles will intimidate any of Our people who are heartily devoted to Our Interest: But lest they should be made a handle to any to excuse their failure in their Duty We say positively we will bear all Our servants out in whatsoever applications they shall think fitt to make to any Prince or Person in authority for promoting or securing Our Interest within the Limits of Our Charters and we are the more positive herein because the Parliament has given no such Direction and if the New Company have applyed to his [Majesty] for such a Consulary power It doth meane no more than to [have] the Government of their owne People And therefore we do direct [that] Our Servants take no notice thereof but proceed in the manage[ment] of all Our affairs in the same manner & Method as formerly wthout regard to any such pretended Authority for their interferring in the mannagement of any Our said Affairs And this Paragraph we have drawn in such Generall words because we send it to all our principall Residences in India so commending you and Our affairs to the Protection of the Almighty. We remaine,

Your very loving friends,
THO: COOKE, *Govr*:
W^{m}: LANGHORN.
W^{m}: PRICHARD.
JOHN FFLEET.
WILLIAM GORE.
RICHARD LEVET.
JON^{a}: ANDREWS.
GEORGE PASKE.
HENRY JOHNSON.
ARTHUR MOORE.
THO^{s}: RAWLINSON.
JAMES BULL.
PETER JOY.
PET^{r}: VAN SITTART.
FFRAN^{s}: BRERREWOOD.
JOHN BROMWELL.

P.S.

White Pepper sells here from four pence to Six pence a pound above black or higher therefore send us what you can procure thereof Considering the freight and Custome is alike for both. Wee suppose you need no directions how to take off the upper husk, because wee had great Quantities of white Pepper formerly from Bantam, the way here is to steep it in a Liquor strongly impregnated with Lime which in a little time loosens the skin and by being shaken in a Bagg quite takes it off but you may procure some workmen, skillfull herein to do this business for you and it will be worth Our while if you can bring it to perfection.

LIST OF THE COMP^{AS}: PACKET TO FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE BY [SHIP] COLCHESTER.

N°: 1. The Comp^{as}: Generall to the ffort Dated the 6 March 1701.
2. Invoice of the Ship Colchester.
3. Bill of Lading Ship Colchester.
4. Copy Ditto Ships Charterparty.

5. Copy Comp^{as} : Generall to y^{e} : ffort 15th : Jan^{ry} : 1700 sent ꝑ Dutchess & Loyall Cook.
6. Copy Comp^{as} : Letter to President Pitt 15th : Jan^{ry} : 1700 sent ꝑ Dutchess & Loyall Cook.
7. Copy Comp^{as} : Letter to Presid^{t} : Pitt 24th : Jan^{ry} : 1700 sent ꝑ Phenix & Loyall Cook.

   } Seale up. (6–7)

8. Copy Comp^{as} : Generall to y^{e} : ffort 14th : Feb^{ry} : 1700 ꝑ Loyall Cook.
9. Copy Comp^{as} : Gen^{ll} to York ffort 8th : July 1701 sent ꝑ John & Mary.
10. Copy Comp^{as} : Generall to y^{e} : ffort 17th : Sep^{t} : 1701 ꝑ Chamber ffrigot.
11. Copy Comp^{as} : Generall to y^{e} : ffort 12th : Jan^{ry} : 1701 sent ꝑ Tankervill New Comp^{as} : Ship.
12. Proposalls for an Agreem^{t} : between y^{e} : two East India Companyes containing 21 Articles.
13. Jeremiah Harrisons Covenants & Bonds as Factor dated 22nd July 1701 to be signed & Returned to England & y^{e} : Counterp^{t}. herewth : sent to be y^{n} : Deli[vered.]
14. Comp^{as} : Generall to the ffort dated 13th : of March 1701.
15. Key of Chest of Medicines ꝑ Ship Colchester in y^{e} : Box apart.
16. Capt : W^{m} : Kids Tryall six of them in y^{e} : Box apart.
17. A Letter from y^{e} : New Comp^{a} : directed thus : To the Hono^{ble} : Jno : Pitt Esqr : President & the rest of the Councill on the Coast of Choromandell for y^{e} : Affairs of the English Company trading to y^{e} : East Indies at Metchlepatam.
18. Votes of the House of Commons of 8th : March 1701 six.
19. The R^{t} : Honble The Lords Address to her Majesty y^{e} : 9th : March 1701 & her Majestyes most Gracious Answer Thereunto Six.
20. The Commons Address to y^{e} : Queen Six.
21. The London Gazett from Thursday 5th : to Monday y^{e} : 9th : March 17 [01].
22. The London Gazett from Monday 9th : to Thursday 12th : March 170 [1]

   } in the Box apart (19–22)

23. List of Souldiers on board the Colchester.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, SEPTEMBER 17, 1701. RECEIVED PER CHAMBER FRIGATE, FEBRUARY 27, 1704. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 52-85.]

LONDON THE 17TH : SEPT^{R} : 1701.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

Wee wrote you the needfull by our last years shipping and the Loyall Cooke designed to return to you from China Since which through the divine goodness there have imported with us the Ships following Viz^{t} : from the Coast and Bay the Chamber frigot, Howland, ffame and Colchester, from China the Wentworth and Dorrill, and from Surratt the Loyall Merchant, the Scepter was unfortunately Shipwracked on the Coast of Wales in January last.

This short Letter comes to you by the Chamber frigot 350 Tons Cap^{n} : South Comãnder which Ship We have entertain'd for China to procure a Lading of Goods proper for Madrass wherewith to return to you with her goes the Orumzeeb 425 Tons Cap^{n} : Bluett Comãnder to procure a Lading proper for Suratt Copyes of whose Invoices accompany these. We have appointed John Dolben Esqr. M^{r} : ffrancis Terne, M^{r} : Thomas ffrederick, M^{r} : Timothy Powell and the two aforementioned Comanders to be Supra Cargo's for the Voyage And We herewith enclose Copyes of their Covenants and Instructions by which you will see under what regulations they are as to the Investments and all Particulars relating

thereunto and what Accompts they are to render at their return which you will do well to see duly performed in all things so far as relates to you as if herein again particularly repeated And among other matters you must be very carefull to collect our Customs and the Covenant Stated Damages on whatever Goods or Merchandizes are imported on the Chamber frigot (or Orumzeeb in case she should be consigned to you) excepting Such only as are for our Sole Acco^{t}: and as soon as the Accompt of the Supra Cargo's Negotiations are compleated do you send the same or its Copy to Us as also the Duplicates of their Books and Papers which they by Covenant are to deliver you on their Arrivall at the ffort.

This round about Voyage which will necessarily occasion Demorage We have appointed to the End you may have the Profits of the China Lading to encrease our Estate in your hands.

M^{r}: ffrederick Sonne to a Worthy Member of our Court We have on his ffathers Acco^{t}: who has been our Deputy Governour appointed youngest of Council at the ffort being very glad to encourage Gentlemen of his Circumstances to come into our Service although we are unwilling to deviate from what we have frequently wrote you touching y^{e}: advancement of our Servants according to their Seniority.

There comes over in this Ship M^{r}: Richard Knipe ffree Merchant who has entred into the usuall Covenants with us he designes to reside at the ffort We would have you give him your Countenance and assistance in all things.

You may in all likelyhood have a Considerable Parcell of Gold brought to the ffort as the Produce of the Effects loaden on her here by our Indulgence M^{r}: Dolben who has the direction in our Investment will have the buying up that Gold and has promised it shall be paid in unto you and bills of Exchange for its Value received from you drawn on us at nine Shillings a Pagoda payable here which we would have you accept from him or any others and give Bills accordingly and they shall be duly paid.

You must hasten home this Ship with all convenient Speed after her Arrivall with you to ease us of her demorage touching which we shall write you more at large by our Coast Shipping. So Commending you and our Affairs to y^{e}: Guidance and protection of the Almighty, We remain

Your very loving friends,
THO COOKE, *Govr*:
W. LANGHORN.
W^{M}: PRICHARD.
JOHN FFLEET.
RI: LEVETT.
THO: RAWLINSON.
JAMES BULL.
JONATHAN ANDREWES.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
FFRAN: BREREWOOD.
GEO: PASKLY.
FREDERICK HERNE.
JOHN BROMWELL.
NATH: HERNE.
THO: FREDERICK.
URBAN HALL.

LIST OF THE COMP^{as}: PACQUETT TO THE FFORT BY [...] SUPRA CARGO'S.

1. Companyes Generall to the ffort dated the 17th Sept: 1701.
2. Copy of the Supra Cargo's Covenants of the Ships Chamber frigott and Orumzeeb.
3. Abstracts of the Invoices of the Chamber frigot and Orumzeeb.
4. Charterparty of the Chamber frigot to be rec^{d}: from M^{r}: Dolben &c^{a}:
5. Copy of the Supra Cargo's Instructions dated the 17th: Sept^{r}: 1701.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOHN DOLBEN ESQR: FFRANCIS TERNE, THOMAS FREDERICK AND TIMOTHY POWELL MERCHANTS CAPTAIN THOMAS SOUTH AND CAPTAIN JOHN BLUETT SUPRA CARGOES OF THE SHIPS CHAMBER FFRIGOTT & ORUMZEEB BOUND FOR AMOY IN CHINA.

With this wee give you our Bills of Lading & Invoyces of our Cargo on board the ships Chamber ffrigott & Orumzeeb bound for Amoy in China Consigned unto yourselves also Copy of the Charterparties and of Our Instructions to Capt: Thomas South and Capt: John Bluett the Commanders of the said Ships by which you will observe the purport of the whole Voyage and Our Sailing Orders for the prosecution thereof and also that you are to have the Chair at Sea and Preference at Sea and on shore [according] to your nomination above mentioned.

It remaines that wee should give you some Instrucōns for the mannagement of Our affairs in the Disposall and returnes of Our Cargos for the ffort and Suratt wherein wee rely very much upon Mr: Dolben who is well acquainted with the Sorts, quantities and Qualities of Goods procurable in China likelyest to turne to the best Account att the ffort.

Wee are informed that Gold Copper & Tootenague are Commodities will goe off there be the quantity never [ever?] so great That Allom will vend as farr as thirty or forty Tons Quick-silver three or four Tons Stone Vermillion about two tons Chine Root the fflinty Heavy sort three or ffour tons China Earthen ware the Ordinary sort in Dis[hes] Plates and Bowles five or six hundred Pounds [worth.] But wee would not stint you in this matter [either] to these sorts or quantities leaving that to Mr: Dolbens [managmt:] to buy up what he shall think best according to the price [the] same bear in China and the profitt they are like to yield [in] Madrass following the Directions and true intent of the Covenant you entred into with us for mannaging matters keeping [books] making Entries and doing all other things relating to the [Invoices].

Wee are informed the goods proper for Suratt are Copper Sugar Candy Allom Tootenague Quicksilver some Camphire China root Gold that Quicksilver of late is somewhat fallen in price [. . .] But [used] to be a very profitable Commodity That Copper will [be] as farr as three or four thousand Pecull if procurable Sugar [can] be gott at two Tale a * Pecull and Sugar Candy at ffour [palo] Allom you may buy up as much as the ship can take in [and] yeilding most profitt but then a little value takes up much [room] that the more it is kept from breakage the better it sells That [five] hundred to a thousand Pecull of Tootenague will doe well or [more] if you want Copper That China Root will sell as far as a hundred Pecull Camphire twenty or thirty Pecul, That Gold will yeild thirty ℘ Cent advance or somewhat more the finer it is the better. We don't positively confine Mr: Dolben to these sorts & quantities but leave that to his Discretion & recommend to all of you to be often inculcating to the Comanders that the ships be well stowed that we loose noe part of our Charterparty Tonnage.

It is of great Importance to Us that you should make all imaginable hast to Amoy without delay of time as well in regard to the Monsoon as otherwise and being there [arrived] You are to apply yourselves to the speedy Disposall of Our Cargo on board you. You will observe by the Invoices [our] Woollen goods &ca: are rated at only their reall cost and Charges without any advance which wee have done to encourage the Consumption in China aimeing rather at a great vent than a great profitt upon our owne manufactures the Advantage redounding thereby to the nation must needs be soe obvious to you and every one we need not Expatiate thereupon; however wee would have you sell the whole as soone and as well as you can and Invest the produce thereof and our Bullion as before mentioned.

Be learning by all wayes and meanes you can what sort of English or Europian Commodities are proper for China and what quantities will yearly vend there especialy Our Woolen goods and other home productions Entring all such Observations and remarkes in your Diaryes for Our Information.

* Pearl, Pikol, Malay, and Japanese Pikul, "a man's load"—Hobson Jobson.

Wee know not particularly what Instructions to give you as to your behaviour towards the governing Mandarines the Merchants &c^a: in Mannaging our affairs at Amoy but M^r: Dolbens Experience will supply all Defects of that kind which wee desire he will draw out in writing for the guidance and direction of the rest of you in Case which God forbid he should not live to reach the place or to accomplish this Voyage.

Lett not the Chinessees in any wise make themselves masters of your boats, Guns, Powder, sailes &c^a: which they will attempt to doe That soe they may have you in their power and prevent your departure to another port if ill treated there. But this must be done very prudently without any passion of the least show of Violence or hostillity on your part which ought to be very carefully avoyded.

Endeavour to Compound with the Mandarines of the Custome-house for the measuring of Our ships before They enter the Port whereby you will save some Custome. But if you cannot then strive to gett them measured in proportion to what you sell as when you have sold one third to pay one third of the Dutyes and when more to pay more.

Keep the Marriners and all the English in your power within the Due bounds of sobriety and Civill Carriage & suffer none of them to be guilty of any riotous Disorder or Excesse that so the good oppinion the Chinessees have Entertained of the English may be preserved.

You must take all care possible to Conceale from Chinessees what Bullion you have on board least they knowing the Quantity to be very considerable should think you came to Invest the whole there and therefore put the harder termes upon you.

Wee cannot doubt so much of your prudence as to beleive you will willingly omitt taking notice of the transactions and mannagements of our present Competitors in trade if you meet with any of them att Amoy or elsewhere; however least you should forgett putting into writing any materiall passages we Insert this Clause to be yor: remembrancer touching all matters of that nature and as it is very likely they being in a Different Interest will attempt to frustrate or least Impead your Investments so we desire you will be Equally zealous to obviate such Designes and to doe whatever you think may most Conduce to our advantage.

Wee have in these Instructions and by the Bills of Lading Consigned the Chamber ffrigott and the Orumzeeb for Amoy; however if Our Supra Cargo M^r: Dolben or in case of his Decease the person and persons succeeding him should [want] it for our service upon advices received at Batavia or on [the] Coast of China or by any returning ships to order both [or] either of the ships to Limpo or Canton or elsewhere wee give him and them leave soe to doe Our Intentions being to give them as we hereby doe a Liberty at large in this matter for appointing the ships to any Port or Ports and for making such applications to the Goverment there for our advantage as shall be found Convenient still remembring the lesse Expence there is in Presents the more money remaines for purchasing goods and Consequently for enlarging the Comiss[ion.]

Wee hope it will please God to preserve all yor: lives but it becomes us to provid for unforseene accidents and therefore wee say in Case of M^r: Dolbens death before makeing this Investment we would have the rest of you proceed in Disposing of Our goods on board and Investing the produce of our Cargo in goods proper for Madrass and Suratt according to your Covenants and these Instructions and that the said Investments be mannaged by M^r: Terne and the rest of you and that you act Joyntly therein Wherein the Vote of the Majority shall be Conclusive for w^ch: Investment wee will make you such an allowance out of M^r: Dolbens intended Comission as you shall severally be found to deserve and in Case either he or any of you Dye before arrivall at China or making any part or all the Investments we will consider what part of your intended Comission shall be allowed such Deceased Person or Persons as you will observe by the Covenants which you have entred into with us and in Case of Capt: South or Capt: Bluetts Decease before Investing all or any part of the said Cargo wee Do hereby appoint the Commander for the time

being to succeed such Deceased Captain or Captaines as supra Cargo in his or their stead and to have Commission accordingly as is also Exprest in the said Covenants.

Wee recomend to you to stay as little while at Batavia and to make as speedy a Dispatch of Our ship Chamber ffrigott from China for the ffort and the Orumzeeb from China to Suratt as you can remembring Demorage is an eating Charge and very much Diminishes the profitt of y^e: Voyage.

Our Designe is that the Chamber ffrigott shall returne to the ffort and the Orumzeeb for Suratt but to provide against unforseene emergencyes wee leave it to M^r: Dolben if he sees an urgent necessity to order either of them to the ffort and the other for Suratt still remembring that we have the lesse occasion for money at Madrasse which has been largely supplyed already so that you must send and we hereby order and Direct that you doe send at least the value of the produce of the Orumzeebs Cargo to Suratt in which Case the Supra Cargoes are to shift ships that is to say wee would have M^r: Dolben, M^r: ffrederick and M^r: Powell proceed for the ffort and M^r: Terne for Suratt the Captains each keeping his owne shipp.

You will Observe by the Charter parties the whole Tonnage of the shipps belongs to Us so that if any money or effects shall be on board either ship by the Companyes Indulgence the same must be laid out in Gold and not otherwise least Our Quantity of Tonnage be thereby Diminishd, which we can by noe meanes allow of and you must be very carefull to prevent.

In case the ships be appointed to sepperate Ports than Our intent is that the Supra Cargoes on board each ship shall proceed in Investing the produce of the Cargo according to these Instructions notwithstanding what is before said that you are all to Act Joyntly throughout the whole Investment of both Shipps.

In case you should arrive so soone in your outward bound Voyage on the Coast of Sumatra as that you may without losse of time or hazarding your early arrivall att China touch at Bencoolen wee permitt you so to doe with the ship Chamber ffrigott and there to take in what Pepper you can procure to be Disposed of in China to our most advantage paying for the same twelve Dollars a Bahar according to the Letter to Our Deputy Governour and Councill herewith Delivered makeing all possible speed to Dispatch your businesse & proceed the Voyage.

The Suratt Cargo you are to Consigne to the Generall and Councill of Bombay or the President and Councill for affairs of the Governour and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies at Suratt so commending you and Our Affairs to the guidance and Protection of the Almighty Wee remaine.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, LONDON,
THE 17TH: SEPTEMBER 1701.

Your very loving ffriends,
THO^S: COOKE, *Govr*:
W^M: PRICHARD.
RICH^D: LEVET.
W^M: HEWER.
JAM^S: BULL.
FFRED: HERNE.
NATH: HERNE.
URBAN HALL.
THO: FFREDERICK.
W^M: LANGHORN.
JN^O: FFLEET.
THO: RAWLINSON.
CHA^S: DUBOIS.
JON^A: ANDREWS.
JN^O: BROMWELL.

Supra Cargo's Covenants, dated September 12, 1701.

THIS INDENTURE made the twelfth day Septem[ber]: Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred & one in the thirteenth year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord William the third by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defender of the Faith &[a]: Betweene the Governour & Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies on the one part And John Dolben of London Esq[r]: Francis Tern of London Merchant Thomas Frederick of London Merchant Timothy Powell of London Merchant Captain Thomas South Comander of the Ship Chamber Frigott and Captain John Bluett Commander of the Ship Orumzeeb of the other part Whereas the said Governour & Comp[a]: have freighted the Ship Chamber Frigott whereof the said Captain Thomas South is Commander and the Ship Orumzeeb whereof the said Captain John Bluett is Commander for a Voyage to China and have laden on Each of the said Ships a Cargoe in Goods and Treasure to a considerable value as ℘ the Invoyces thereof may appear and reposing trust & confidence in the knowledge, prudence and Circumspection of the said John Dolben Francis Tern, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Cap[t]: Thomas South, and Cap[t]: John Bluett as Supra Cargoes for the said Voyage have upon the consideration hereafter mention'd entertained them to be their Factors & Supra Cargoes on the said Ships Chamber Frigott & Orumzeeb for Amoy in China or to such Ports or Places to which they shall be consign'd Now this Indenture Wittnesseth That the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Cap[t]: Thomas South, & Cap[t]: John Bluett and each of them for themselves their Executo[rs]: Adm[rs]: & Asign's and not Joyntly the one for the other of them Do Covenenat Promise & agree to and with the said Governour and Company their successors and Assignes by these presents that they the said Jon Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Cap[t]: Thomas South and Cap[t]: John Bluett shall and will Embarke themselves on the said Ships the Chamber Frigott & Orumzeeb in the Downs on or before the Twentieth day of Sep[t]: instant that is to say the said John Do[l]ben, Thomas Frederick, and Cap[t]: Thomas South on the Chamber Frigott and the said Francis Terne, Timothy Powell, & Cap[t]: John Bluett on the Orumzeeb and proceed on the said Ships in their intended Voyage and take upon them the Care, Trust, & Charge of the said Cargoes of Goods and Treasure and shall and Will upon their Arrivall at the respective places whereunto Consigned Dispose of the said Goods and Treasures to the best advantage and benefit of the said Governour and Company & Invest the said Treasure and the proceed of the said outward bound goods in Wares, Merchandizes, Goods, and Comodities of China on the Cheapest and best terms procurable according to such instructions as shall be given them in writing by the said Governour and Company or any thirteen or more of the Court of Committee whereof the Governour or his Deputy to be one and shall and will to the utmost of their power observe and performe in all things the content and true meaning of such instructions and also cause all goods, wares, and Merchandizes which they shall buy and provide to be laden on board the said Ships Chamber Frigott & Orumzeeb and Consigne the produce of the Chamber Frigotts outward bound Cargoe or so much thereof as shall remain after the Dispatch of the Surratt Ship by Invoyce and Bill of Lading to the Comp[as]: President and Councill at Fort S[t]: George to be delivered unto them upon the said Ships arrivall at Fort S[t]: George And shall and will consigne the produce of the Orumzeebs outward bound Cargoe and such addition as shall be made thereunto in pursuance of the instructions aforesaid to the companys Gen[ll]: and Councill at Bombay or President and Councill at Suratt to be delivered to them upon the said Ships arrivall at Suratt and that the managing of the Affairs relating unto the selling and disposing of the said outward bound Cargoes & of the buying bartering for, and procuring of all such goods and Merchandizes as shall be bought and provided for the said Governour and Company in China or elsewhere shall be in the power and discretion of the said John Dolben, he taking to his assistance and consulting with the said Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Cap[t]: Thomas South, & Cap[t]: John Bluett, and making them

privy to the selling and Disposing of the said Outward bound Cargoes, & every part thereof, and to all and every buying, bartering, and procuring of Goods as aforesaid, and that the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Captain Thomas South, & Capt: John Bluett shall and will from time to time during their aforesaid Employment keep or cause to be kept true & particular Journalls or Day Books of all the passages and proceedings relating to the Affairs of the said Governour and Company in the said Voyage to China, and also Books of accounts wherein they shall dayly duely & truely enter the accounts of all and every particular buying, selling, Receipts, Payments and all other transactions relating to their Trust in the said Employment and shall not place to the said Companys Account for any Merchandizes or Commodities they shall buy or cause or procure to be bought for them by order of the Court of Committees as aforesaid or for any manner of cause, matter or thing whatsoever any more or greater sume than they shall really and bonafide pay for the same and also shall bring to Account the full rates and prices for which they shall sell any of the Companys goods & Commodities and that all and every bargain & Contract by them made shall be fairly entred in their said Books, and attested under the hands of them the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South and Capt: Jno: Bluett, or by three of them at the least. But if the said Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett, or any of them shall not agree to any of the said Bargains or Contracts That then such Dissenting person or persons shall put down in writing the reason of his or their Dissent And the said John Dolben shall also put down in writing his reason for making such Contract or agreement in Case the same be done against the consent of the Majority of the said persons and that they the said John Dolben, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, & Capt: Thomas South, their Executors Admrs: or Assignes shall within fourteen days after their or the Ship Chamber Frigotts arrivall at Fort St: George produce and deliver the said Individuall Books, together with all other wast Books Pocket Books, Dyaries, Memorialls, Writings & Papers whatsoever wherein the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett, shall make or have made any Entries or set down any matter or thing touching or concerning the Companys affairs or any of them, or anyway relating thereunto although the same may or shall be intermixed with his or their owne or others concern's unto the said Compas: Presidt: and Councill of Fort St: George or to such person or persons as shall by order of the said President and Councill be authorized or appointed to demand or receive the same and make Oath of the truth of the same if required and that they the said Francis Terne, and Capt: John Bluett their Executors, Administrators or Assignes shall within fourteen dayes after their or the Ship Orumzeeb's arrivall at Suratt Deliver Duplicates of the said Books, Papers, Memorialls & Writeing unto the said Genll: or President and Councill of Bombay & Councill at Suratt or to such person or persons as shall by order of the said Genll: and Councill or President & Councill be authorized or appointed to demand or receive the same and make Oath of the truth of the same if required and also that they the said John Dolben, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, and Capt: Thomas South and every of them shall upon demand well and truly deliver & pay unto the said Presidt: and Councill of Fort St: George and they the said Francis Terne and Capt: John Bluett shall upon demand well and truly deliver & pay unto the said Genll: & Councill of Bombay or President & Councill at Suratt all and every such moneys, goods, and Merchandizes whatsoever as by the foot of the said Account or otherwise shall appeare to be due by the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, Capt: John Bluett or any of them or remain in their or any of their hands or possession and for which they or any of them ought to be Chargeable or answerable in any manner of wise: And moreover the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett and each and every one of them for themselves their severall & respective heires,

Exec^as: Adm^rs: and Assignes and not Joyntly the one for the other Do Covenant, promise and agree to & with the said Governour & Company, their Successors and Assignes by these presents That they the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett nor any of them shall not, nor will at any time during their Present Outward bound Voyage directly or indirectly in their or anyone of their owne names or in the name of any other by or for themselves or any other deale in Use or practice any buying, selling, trading, or Merchandizeing or carry out to or for China or any other places any Silver, Gold, or Commodities without the knowledge privity, and Consent of the said Governour and Company first had & obtain'd in Writing And the John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett and each of them for themselves and their severall and respective Executors, Adm^rs: and Assignes & not Joyntly one for the other of them Do Covenant, promise, & and agree to and with the said Governour and Company, their Successors, and Assignes That in case they or any or either of them shall bring to Fort S^t: George or Suratt aforesaid any Goods, Merchanidzes, or Commodities whatsoever in the sd: Ship Chamber Frigott or Orumzeeb, the person or persons so Importing or bringing the same shall pay & allow unto the said Presid^t: & Councill at the Fort or the said Gen^ll: and Councill of Bombay or President and Councill at Suratt for the Use of the said Govr: and Company & their Successors after the rate of ten Pounds ℔ Cent on the full value of the said Goods sold there over and above the Freight, Customs & incident Charges due payable and ariseing thereupon, Excepting Gold for which they are to pay only five Pounds ℔ Cent which said summs of ten Pounds ℔ Cent and five pounds ℔ cent. It is hereby mutually Covenanted and agreed by and between the said Parties shall be deducted out of such Commission money as shall become due by Vertue of these presents or out of the Amount of the said Goods so imported as aforesaid which said Ten pounds ℔ Cent and five pounds ℔ Cent respectively is the Usuall allowance for the Factors, Agents & Serv^ts: of the said Company to make unto the said Company for and towards their Generall Charges and expences in their Trade to and from India and China And the said Governour and Company do for themselves, their successors, and Assignes Covenant promise and agree to and w^th: the said John Dolben, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell & Captain Thomas South their & each of their Executors Adm^rs: & Assignes That in consideration hereof and of the Service to be performe'd by them and their pains and Care in the management of the said Negotiation to in and from China and investing the produce of the said Ship Chamber Frigotts Cargœ in goods proper for Fort S^t: George and of the sd: Ship Orumzeebs Cargœ in goods proper for Suratt as is afore menioned: the said President and Councill at Fort S^t: George shall and will over and besides the money paid or to be paid for their fresh Provision & accomodations in the Voyage and their necessary Expences of houskeeping in China well and truly pay and allow to the said John Dolben, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, and Capt: Thomas South, their Exec^utors: Administrators and Assignes after the rate of five Pounds ℔ Cent Commission on the sale of so much of the Goods and Merchandizes so to be bought and provided by them in China as shall be carryed and delivered to the Companys said Presid^t: and Councill at Fort S^t: George and sold there the Usuall Discount allow'd on such sale being first deducted out of the Grosse sale of the said Goods, which said Commission of five Pounds ℔ Cent is to be divided betwixt them in manner following Viz^t: three pounds ten shillings ℔ Cent to the said John Dolben, ten shillings ℔ Cent to the said Thomas Frederick, ten shillings & Cent to the said Timothy Powell, and the other ten shillings ℔ Cent to the sd: Capt^t: Thomas South. And the said Governour & Company do in like manner for themselves, their Successors, and Assignes covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said John Dolben, Francis Terne and Capt: John Bluett, their and each of their Executors, Adminis^trs: and Assignes That in consideration hereof and of the Service to be performed by them and their paines and Care in the Mannagem^t: of the said Negotiation to in and from China and investing the produce of the said Ship Chamber Frigotts Cargo

in goods proper for Fort St: George & of the said Ship Orumzeeb & Cargo in goods proper for Suratt as is aforemention'd. The said Generall and Councill of Bombay or President & Councill at Suratt shall and will over and besides the money paid or to be paid for their fresh provisions & accomodations in the Voyage & their necessary expenses of housekeeping in China well and truely pay and allow to the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, and Capt: John Bluett, their Executors, Admrs: and Assignes after the rate of five Pounds ℔ Cent Commision on the sale of so much of the goods and Merchandizes so to be brought and provided by them in China as shall be carryed & Delivered to the Companys said Genll: & Councill of Bombay or President & Councill at Suratt and sold there the Custome paid on the said goods and the Usuall Discount allowed on such sale being first deducted out of the Grosse sale of the said goods, which said Commision of five pounds ℔ Cent is to be divided betwixt them in Manner foll: Vizt: Three pounds ten shillings ℔ Cent to the said John Dolben, One pound Cent to the said Francis Terne, and the remainer thereof being ten shillings ℔ Cent to the said Capt: John Bluett And the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett and each of them for themselves, their Executors, Admrs: and Assignes and not Joyntly, the one for the other of them Do further Covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said Govr: & Company, their successors & Assignes That in case of the decease of any one or more of them before the sale and Investing of all or any part of the Cargœs aforemention'd, the Commission before Covenanted and agreed to be paid unto them respectively is to be allowed such deceasing person or Persons, Executors, Administrators or Assignes on so much of the said Cargœs, out of which the Commission is to be paid as shall be Invested during the lifetime of such Deceased person or Persons. And it is hereby also Covenanted and Agreed by and between the said Governour & Company and the said Capt: Thomas South & Capt: John Bluett That in case of their or either of their Death, The Person for the time being appointed to succeed each of them in the Command of the Ship shall succeed in their place [and] stead of Supra Cargo and receive the benefitt and advantage of their Commission of ten shillings in the hundred Pounds on the Cargoes aforesaid for so much thereof, as shall remaine uninvested at the time of the said Capt: Thomas South or Capt: John Bluetts decease, such Commander observing & performing the conditions and Covenants herein before mention'd to be observed and performed by the said Capt: Thomas South & the said Capt: John Bluett and not otherwise. And it is further Covenanted and agreed by & between the said Govr: and Company and the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, and Capt: John Bluett for themselves, their Executors, Admrs: and Assignes, and not Joyntly, the one for the other of them, that in case the said goods or any part thereof shall remain unsold or undisposed of for the space of two months or longer after they are Unladen & fitted for sale at Fort St: George and Suratt as aforesaid, by which meanes the full Commission cannot be ascertained & paid. That then it shall be left to the said President & Council at Fort St: George and to the said Generall and Councill of Bombay or President & Councill at Suratt to vallue the Goods so unsold there and settle and pay the Commission accordingly as if the said goods had beene actually sold at the rate they be soe vallued at [Provided] neverthelesse And it is hereby expressly declared and agreed to be the true intent & meaning of these presents That no Commission shall be paid until the Accounts of the said Voyage be fairly made up, settled & adjusted by the said John Dolben, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, and Capt: Thomas South to the satisfaction of the said President & Councill at Fort St: George and by the said John Dolben or Francis Terne, and Capt: John Bluett to the satisfaction of the said Generall and Councill of Bombay or President and Councill at Suratt and delivered in under their hands together wth: the other Books and papers before mention'd, and that duplicates thereof be also in like manner provided by the said Supra Cargœs and

delivered in signed as aforesaid, in order to be transmitted unto the said Governor & Company by the first good oppertunity that presents, and it is further Covenanted and agreed by & between the said Governor & Comp^a^: and the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South & Capt: John Bluett for themselves, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes and not Joyntly, the one for the other of them, that in case of the Death of the said John Dolben Investing all or any part of the said Cargœs, The remainder thereof shall be disposed of and Invested by them, The said Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South & Capt: John Bluett or the Survivors of them, and that all the Contracts, Bargains, buyings and sellings occasioned thereby shall be made & done by them or the Major part of them and accordingly entred in the Books and attested under the hands of all present at the making and dœing thereof in case they agree thereunto or if otherwise that the person or persons dissenting shall put downe in writing the reason of such [dissent] and that the like Journall Books and accounts be kept, and Entries made & the whole delivered in as is herein before Covenanted and agreed to be done by the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Tho: Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South, & Capt: John Bluett and in case of the Death of any one or more of them the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, or Timothy Powell, before the said Investment be begun or Compleated as aforesaid, that it be Left to the said Court of Committees to Ascertaine what part of such deceasing Persons Commission on the Goods so uninvested shall be Divided to the Survivers and in what proporc̃ons and what part thereof shall be given to the Executors, Adm^rs^: or Assignes of such deceased person or persons. And whereas by the Instructions given by the Court of Committees aforesaid it is permitted to the said John Dolben or in case of his disease to the person and persons succeeding him to appoint the Ship or Ships to any other ports than Amoy before menc̃on'd and to seperate the Ships if he or they see fitt. It is hereby Covenanted and agreed by and between the said Govr: & Company and the said John Dolben, Francis Terne, Thomas Frederick, Timothy Powell, Capt: Thomas South & Capt: John Bluett That in case of such seperation of the Ships the Supra Cargoes on each Ship are to dispose of the Cargoe on board her & make their Investment according to the Instructions aforesaid, Provided also, and it is hereby declared and agreed by the said Governour & Comp^a^: that the said John Dolben shall and may if he see convenient draw out in China his Com^n^: of three Pounds ten shillings ℘ Cent due on the Suratt Ships Investment according to what the same shall amount unto on the foot of the Ships Invoyce of Goods & Merchandizes consigned thither anything aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding In witness whereof the said Parties have to the one part of these presents set their hands & Seales and to the other part thereof the said Govr: & Comp^a^: have caused their common Seal to be affixed the day & Year first above written, That is to say the twelfth day of Sep^t^: Anno Dom̃: one thousand seven hundred and one.

ABSTRACT OF THE CHAMBRE FRIGATS INVOICE FOR AMOY IN CHINA.

Lead 400 Great Piggs w^tt^: 1151 : — : 15 at 13 : 9 ℘ ...	£	791 :	8 :	0
Broad Cloth 91 Bales cont^s^: 297 Clo^s^: M 1 to 12—41 to 62—99 to 105—118 to 127—146 to 169—63 to 78 Inclusive	,,	4054 :	6 :	3
Cloth Rashes 20 Bales cont^g^: 100 Rashes R 1 to 20	,,	1166 :	6 :	10
Colchester Perpetuanoes 25 Bales cont^g^: 500 P^s^: P 1 to 25 ...	,,	1375 :	0 :	0
Druggits 5 Bales cont^s^: 100 P^s^: N^o^: D 51 to 55	,,	441 :	6 :	4
Callimancoes 5 Bales cont^g^: 100 P^s^: C 61 to 65	,,	301 :	6 :	8
Camblets 1 Case cont^g^: 16 P^s^: C A M N^o^; 1	,,	217 :	12 :	10
Says 5 Bales cont^g^: 100 P^s^: S 71 to 75	,,	350 :	0 :	0
Looking Glasses 2 Cases L G 1 & 2 q^t^: 50 Doz : * ½	,,	114 :	13 :	0
Telliscopes 1 Case T N^o^: 1	,,	115 :	11 :	6
Sword Blades 4 Chests cont^s^: 174 blades S B 1 to 4	,,	82 :	9 :	5

Fine Fire Armes 1 Chest G N^{o}: 1 cont^{g}: Birding P^{s}. Pistolls &c^{a}: 45 … … … … … … …		£ 146 : 11 : 0
A Large Spring Clock … … … … … …		,, 50 : 0 : 0
Glass Ware 8 Chests N^{o}: 1 to 8 … … … …		,, 162 : 2 : 9
Cony Skinns 1 Fatt cont^{g}: 4190 Skins … … …		,, 129 : 10 : 11
Beams Scales and Weights 2 boxes S B 1 & 2 … …		,, 32 : 11 : 10
Stationary Ware 1 Chest P N^{o}: 1 … … … …		,, 9 : 18 : 0
Capps 1 box H N^{o}: 1 cont^{g}: 100 Caps at 13^{s}: 2^{d}: … …		,, 65 : 16 : 8
Canary Wine 3 Casks cont^{g}: 109 Gallons at 8^{s}: ⅌ Gallon …		,, 43 : 12 : 0
Strong Waters 30 Casks N^{o}: 1 to 30 at 8^{s}: 10^{d}: ⅌ Case …		,, 13 : 5 : 0
Silver 29 Chests cont^{g}: vizt:		
2 Chests cont^{g}: 18000 Ducatoons at 6^{s}: 6^{d}: N^{o}: 492, 493 … …	£ 2600 : 0 : 0	
17 Ditto 68000 Ryalls 5 : 3 N^{o}: 498, 499, 537, 553, 558 to 570 … … … …	,, 17850 : 0 : 0	
2 Ditto cont^{g}: 8000 French Crowns at 5^{s}: 2^{d}: N^{o}: 571, 572 …	,, 2066 : 13 : 4	
3 Ditto cont^{g}: 12000 Ducatoons N^{o}: 573 to 575 … …	,, 3900 : 0 : 0	
1 Ditto 4000 Ryalls N^{o}: 584 …	,, 1050 : 0 : 0	
1 Ditto 4000 French Crowns N^{o}: 585 … … …	,, 1053 : 6 : 8	
3 Ditto 12000 Ryalls N^{o}: 586, 587, 593 … … …	,, 3150 : 0 : 0	
— 29 —		,, 31650 : 0 : 0
		,, 41313 : 9 : 0

ABSTRACT OF THE ORUMZEEBS INVOICE FOR AMOY IN CHINA.

Lead 400 Great Piggs w^{tt}: 1157θ : — ^{qrs}: 7 ^{lb}: att 13^{s}: 9^{d}: ⅌θ.	£ 795 : 9 : 7
Broad Cloth 80 Bales cont^{g}: 264 Clo^{s}: N^{o}: M 13 to 24—79 to 98 : 106 to 117—128 to 145—170 to 187 Inclusive …	,, 3588 : 3 : 0
Cloth Rashes 20 Bales cont^{g}: 100 Rashes N^{o}: R 1 to 40 …	,, 1164 : 6 : 3
Fine Perpetuanoes 1 Bale Y N^{o}: 1 cont^{g}: 15 P^{s}: at £ 3 : 10 …	,, 52 : 10 : 0
Colchester Perpetuanoes 25 Bales cont^{g}: 500 P^{s}: N^{o}: P 26 to 50 … … … … … … … …	,, 1442 : 15 : 0
Druggits 5 Bales cont^{g}: 100 P^{s}: D 56 to 60 … … …	,, 458 : 7 : 3
Callimancoes 5 Bales cont^{g}: 100 P^{s}: C 66 to 70 … …	,, 275 : 0 : 0
Says 5 Bales cont^{g}: 100 P^{s}: S 76 to 80 … … …	,, 350 : 0 : 0
Camblets One Case C A M N^{o}: 2 cont^{g}: 19 P^{s}: … …	,, 257 : 7 : 5
Looking Glasses 2 Cases L G 3 & 4, L G 4 cont^{g}: 12 Doz : of Looking Glasses 3 cont^{g}: 38½ Doz : of Ditto … …	,, 116 : 1 : 6
Tellescopes one Case T N^{o}: 2 … … … … …	,, 111 : 7 : 2
Sword Blades 3 Chests S B N^{o}: 5, 6, 7 cont^{g}: 150 sword blades … … … … … … … …	,, 56 : 5 : 1
Glass Ware 4 Chests N^{o}: 9 to 12 cont^{g}: 802θ ¼ at 18^{d}: ⅌ lb.	,, 60 : 3 : 5
ffine ffire Armes one Case G N^{o}: 2 cont^{g}: Viz^{t}:	
12 Birding Guns.	
6 Paire of Horse Pistolls.	
6 Paire of Pocketoons.	
6 Iron Musketoons.	
2 Double Guns.	
6 Paire of Pistolls.	
1 Paire of Double Horse Pistolls.	
6 Brasse Musketoons.	
— 45 … … … … … … …	,, 145 : 18 : 0

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Beames & Scales 2 Boxes B S N°: 3 & 4		£	32:	11:	3
A Large Spring Clock C N°: 2		,,	44:	0:	0
Capps 1 Box H N°: 2 cont^g: 102 Capps att 13^s: 2^d: ...		,,	67:	3:	0
Silver 28 Chests cont^g: vizt:					
13 Chests {Pillar Royall 36ɵ: 3^oz: / cont^g: {Ducatoon's 51500: 0} at 6^s: 6^d: N°: 576 to 585 & 588 to 592 ...	£ 16862: 11: 2				
12 Chests Bar Silver cont^g: ɵ3472: 7: 17 stand^d: N°: 594 to 605 ...	,, 11980: 13: 2				
3 Chests of 3 Guildder P^s: w^tt: 980ɵ: 9^oz: 15^dw:	,, 3383: 16: 1				
		,,	32227:	0:	6
		,,	41244:	8:	5

Despatch from the Company to Fort St. George. London, January 12, 1702. Received per Colchester, September 9, 1702. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 1—4.]

London the 12 of Jan^ry: [1702.]

Our President and Council of ffort S^t: George

Advices the union.

This comes to Advise you that the Gen^ll: Courts of both have Nemine Contradicente agreed upon the heads of an Union are drawing into form by Councill & will be compleated in a little [. . .] and wee have thought fitt to signifie the same to you by this [particular] Letter & to Lett you know that both Comp^as: future Interest will [be] one & the same & therefore we Earnestly recommend to you to Consult, Act joyntly for our future Mutual Advantage & not to Interfere [with] one Another or Raise the prices one upon Another in buying [or] Investing what Remaines to be done for our seperate Acc^ts: but you joyntly use your Skill to gett Goods Cheap the Expectation [which] has Induced us to Unite The Same do in promoting the sales [of] Europe Goods to carry it with all Friendship & kindness [towards] New Companyes Agents &c Servants & be Ready to do them all [. . .] [ces] that are in your Power The like they write to all their ffactors and wee Expect now that all Anemosities and Differences cease.

Recommended to each Comps: servants an agreement w^th: one another.

Between you, Wee are,

Your loving friends

Thomas Cook, *Governo[r]*.
Samuel Dashwood, *Depty*.
William Prichard.
George Paske.
Urban Hall.
Thomas Frederick.
Peter Van Sittart.
William Hewer.
Jonathan Andrews.
James Bull.
Peter Joy.
Charles Dubois.
Henry Kelsey.
John Bromwell.
Francis Dashwood.

LIST OF COAST GOODS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE YEAR 1702. RECEIVED JUNE 21, 1701.
[*Public Despatches from England, vol.* 12, *pp.* 5—8.]

	PEICES.
Longcloth fine wee have had very few of late years, But in regard they will turn to a better account here, if well bought, than the ordinary sorts, because the Freight & Custom is alike, Wee would have you procure of N°: 1 and 2 if you can Ten thousand Peices	10,000
Longcloth midling send Us Six thousand Peices	6,000
Ditto ordinary ten thousand	10,000
Longcloth blew to be of a deep full blew such as the Dutch bring all you can procure, as far as ten thousand	10,000
Longcloth brown send Us six thousand	6,000
Sallampores ordinary send Us twenty-five thousand	25,000
D°: midling . . . ten thousand	10,000
D°: fine . . . seaven thousand	7,000
D°: brown . . . eight thousand	8,000
Moorees fine send Us Six thousand	6,000
D°: midling ... Six thousand	6,000
D°: ordinary ... Six thousand	6,000
Ginghams of forty Covids long, send but a few, not above three thousand	3,000
D°: of sixteen Covids long send none, they sell here to loss... ...	send none.
Gingham Sheets send none those marked 1. 1. ⌶ not selling for prime Cost Freight & Custom	send none.
Bettellees of fifty Covids long N°: 27. 28 ten thousand	10,000
D°: of forty Covids long ... ... Six thousand	6,000
D°: Oringall N°: 5 ... ... ten thousand	10,000
Wee find these Cost about seaventy Pagodos ℘ Corge in the Invoice, and in the same ship there came some other of the same sorts & goodness which sold for rather more and yet cost in India But thirty eight Pagodas a Corge which wee could not omit remarking, that you may prevent the damage wee suffer thereby For the other Species of the Bettellees wee refer to the generall Letter for Direction.	
Succatums, send us three thousand	3,000
Wee get but little by them at their present dear price ...	
Sail-cloth ordinary, send us little, or none, It will not pay Freight Custom & Interest as it now sells, so that unless you are necessitated to enlarge wee would not exceed five hundred	500
Percallaes send Us of those very fine-two thousand	2,000
Book Percallaes, send none wee loose by them.	
Izzarees send Us a few, wee rather loose than get by them [how . . .] to keep up the Fabrick send one thousand ...	[1,000]
Allejaes, send Us Five Thousand Peices	5,000
Sacerguntees send Us Five Thousand	5,000
Goaconcherulaes send Us five thousand	5,000
Saderancheraes send Us five thousand	5,000
Callawaypoore send Us five Thousand	5,000
Diapers would turn to account, especially the smaller sort, if well bought, but they are so very dear, wee get little by them, however of both sorts send three thousand	3,000
Dimmityes you may buy a few, very fine they will scarce yield any profit, however send, one thousand	1,000

You may observe, wee order but a small quantity of some of your Metchlepatam Goods, and forbid others, by reason of their dearness for which reason It is wee say, send Us no more Longcloth fine, nor ordinary Chints, Salpicadoes or Romalls Sacerguntees from thence, but if you could purchase all or any of

these sorts of Goods proportionably cheap to the like species bought at our other Coast Factoryes, our Markets would vend a handsome quantity thereof, And if the Prohibition should hold, all those coloured Goods are proper for Exportation.

Wee have lately received among our Red Wood, a few Sticks, that were really another sort, & not worth anything, but to burn, give a great charge to your people, to be more carefull hereafter, otherwise wee may be great Loosers thereby.

Turmerick has been a very [. . . ?] Drug of late years, which made Us forbid it, It begins now to be in demand, the old Stock being spent, wee believe it will yield forty shillings a hundred weight, as far as twenty or thirty Tons, which wee have advised our President & Councill in the Bay, so that if you meet with any fresh & good, not worm-eaten, of a good yellow colour, You may send Us some, the Custom is not quite seaven Shillings a hundred, But if our People in the Bay, or the New Company, should buy up a quantity you must send the less, or none at all, if you cannot meet with it at so low a rate as will turn to some account here at the said price.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 14, 1702.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT S^T: GEORGE. RECEIVED PER UNION, JUNE 11, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 9–12.]

LONDON FEBRUARY 14, 17[02].

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FFORT S^T: GEORGE.

provission made in case Ship Union looses her passage.

This ship Union was design'd for Amoy in China in regard of the lateness of the season and her Deviation [. .] bound we were apprehensive she might loose her passage, [. .] the Supra Cargo's and Cap^n: are enjoyn'd to use their utmost endeavours to gain the Port of Amoy whereto consigned or [in] failure thereof the Port of Canton but if the Monsoons [hinder] both Then they have Orders to go to Bencoolen for [protection] and therewith to proceed for ffort S^t: George, What pepper [. . .] bring do you pay for to y^e: Supra Cargo's in Dollars at [. . .] limitted price of Pepper to be bought by you and send it [. . .] on Our $Acco^t$: at that price with that Money and the rest [of] their Cargo, The Supra Cargo's are to sail in y^e: very [. . .] the Monsoon to Amoy to make their Investments acc[ording] to Our Instructions, In the meantime do you employ [. . .] as you shall find most for our Service in Voyages to [. .] our Subordinate ffactoryes or down to y^e: Bay or [Bombay] Bencoolen or otherwise so as she may proceed for [Amoy] is before mentioned.

Pepper to be brought and how to be paid for.

liberty given to dispose of the ship.

We are
Your loving [friends]
SAM DASHWOOD *D*[ep^{ty}:]
[W. LANGHORN.]
W^M: PRICHARD.
JOHN [BROMWELL.]
RI [LEVETT].
[ ]
PETER JOYE.
JAMES BULL.
HENRY KELSEY.
[ARTH.] MOORE.
W^M [HEWER.]
CHARLES DU BOIS.
JONATHAN ANDREWES.
[URBAN] HALL.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST: GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH 6, 1702. RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 19, 1702. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 13–31.]

LONDON THE 6TH: OF [MARCH 1702.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FFORT ST GEORGE.

We wrote you at large by Our last Years Shipping, Copyes [of] which Letters not sent by treble Conveyances, you will find in ye: [. . .] whereto refers you, since that time, We have receiv'd your Se[verall] Letters, by the Howland, ffame, & King William, of divers [dates] from ye: 27 Septemr: 1700 to the 21st: ffebry : inclusive, and from [ffort] St: Davids, two Letters, one dated the 5th: Octobr: the other ye: 17th: ffebry to all which we are now to Answer. Receipt of Severall Lres: acknowledged.

2. We continue Our Method used of late to range Our advice under Severall Generall Heads, and would have you do the [like] doubting but you readily apprehend that all Standing [directions and] Orders are of a permanent nature, Except where some [unavoidable] Necessity causes a temporary suspension or [alteration] we need not [be] often inculcating the same things over and [over] again which being premised will make these and future [advices] the Shorter, and we now proceed. Rules and orders to be observed.

FFIRST AS TO OUR SHIPPING GON OUT & RETURND, AND GOODS SENT [FROM] HENCE.

3. Through the Divine providence the following Ships [have] safely imported with us, this last Year Vizt: The Wentworth [. . .] from China, The Howland, Chamber frigott, ffame, & [Ann] Colchester & King William from ye: Coast & Bay, and ye: [. . .] and Loyall Merchant from Bombay & Suratt, and [Chamber] frigott, who having been long expected, is a few days [since arrived] in Kingroad, Bristoll Channell. Ships arrived in England from India.

4. We have sent to China before Michaelmass last [ye:] frigott 350 Tons Capn: South, and the [. . .] 450 tons [. . .] under ye: Charge of Mr: Dolben &ca: supra [cargo] [. . .] Voyage you will see more at large in [. . .] them, dated ye: 17th: Septemr: last, Copy whereof [. . .]. Ships sent to China.

5. We have lately sent out the ffleet Frigott 270 Tons [. . .] and the Union 140 Tons Capn: Goodsole for China and on them Considerable Cargo's, ffor the Coast we now send you ye: Colchester 450 Tons Capn: Benjn: Rous, ffor the Bay the Wentworth 350 Tons Capn: Thos: Sax, who is sail'd out of the Downes, and for Suratt the Howland 400 Tons Capn: Hayes which are all the ships yet sent for India and China this Season, on Our particular Accots: wee having lately come to an Agreement with the New Compa: for an Union of both Compas: of which you will be further advised in an after paragraph. [. . . and to all patrs.]

6. You do well to advise us punctually of the times of all ships arrivall and departure, which we would have you continue on all occasions, as also the News you have of our or other ships importing at or Exporting from other places, what moneys you supply our ships, or what goods are wanting of their Cargos &c.a: occurrences, which continue. Advising the arrival and [departure Ships approved of.

7. You will observe by our former Letters we have by sending the Phœnix, fully answered the contents of your 66th: paraga: by ye: Howland, touching an Early ship for you to send to China, and [by] the Loyall Cooke and Chamber frigot, we have taken care to supply the ffort, with Gold directly from China, If you have any Conveniency after receipt hereof to send to China likely to reach Mr: Dolben, advise him of the Prices of China goods at Madrass, it may be a good help to him. [. . .] Gold from [. . .] the Coast. [ ] Mr: Dolben at China

8. The Accot: of Capn: Prowers Pepper, mentioned in your 75th: Paragraph, was not sufficiently intelligble and kept yet more in the Dark by his showing us only the Dr: Side of that Accot: as adjusted by Our president, pretending the Creditor Side was torn off by accident, so that we have taken bond from him, [. . .] Capt: Prowers by [ ] not intelligible

[ ] care therein.

with Condition, that if it shall appear by any future advices from you he has not made good the Difference between the 18 pagodo's ⅌ Candy, Charged as the Invoice price of the Pepper and the reall Cost of it some at nineteen and some at twenty, Pagodas ⅌ Candy, that [. . .] days after demand made by the Comp^{a}: or Our President Pitt, [we] will pay so much as shall appear to be due on that Acco^{t}:

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Great Guns sent last year.

[9.] [We] referr you to the Invoices and Bills of Lading for what goods [. . .] and other matters, wrote for are on board. The small Guns are providing and will be sent but as to Colours you can [. . .] yourselves better at least Cheaper than we can do here wee [. . .] year severall Great Guns which will fully supply all your [. . .] therefore you will receive none now.

Charge Shipping frugality recommended.

10. Wee take notice what you say touching the Ruby sent [. . .] the Bay to sell, and how you had disposed of her back again [. .] Cables and Redd Wood, and being on this head of Country [Ship] Wee need only recomend to you, the perusall of former [Letters to] know our minds fully in that point, We would not stint [Our selves] in anything necessary for carrying on our business, and at the [same] time must earnestly press you and all to take care, we be at as [. . .] Charge therein as may be, We can't at this distance judge of Circumstances, That must be your part to regard and Act as [. . .] see most for our service.

Frame of a small ship to be sent hither considered. Deferre'd till the agreement is compleated.

Frame sent by the Anna write to send it hither. 2 Buoyers ordere'd to be sent from Suratt to Bengall.

11. What you wrote us lately touching the frame of a small [ship] to be sent from hence to be employ'd for the service of our [ffactory] up and down the Coast, we have Considered, and should have something more in it but that we apprehended the fframe [. . .][warp,] and not Answer the End propos'd, and to send a Ship [which] was not thought adviseable at this present; however [. . .] to resume the Consideration thereof, when the Com^{tees}: of both [Comp^{s}:] meet to deliberate upon the necessary orders to be given to all [. . .] of India, which will be Speedily after the agreement is Compleated We wish you had the fframe of the Vessell sent by the Anna you apprehend it would be so serviceable, and if it will answer your purpose after fitting up at the Bay write to them [. . .] it you, We having intimated to them that they should let [you] have it, Especially if they have receiv'd a Buoyer or two [ffrom] Suratt, as wee last year Ordered Our Gen^{ll}: and Council to [send.]

Late dispatch of ship King William cause of the loss of her passage.

[. . .] better employd in ye: Country yn: dispatched late [hour]. liberty given.

12. King Williams late dispatch & afterwards meeting [with] calms caused her to loose her passage so that she arriv'd not [. . .] and by the Winter Storms has Suffer'd great damage in her [. . .] should by any Accident be in like manner belated in the [Dispatch] of our Ships now abroad, and have a reasonable prospect [to] employ them on Voyages till next Season so as to gain [. . .] or better; We leave it to you so to doe, Being [desireous] to prevent as much as we can, our ships making Winter Voyages, [. . .] once prov'd the Loss of the ships and Cargo.

SECONDLY AS TO THE INVESTMENTS OF GOODS [PROPER FOR EUROPE] AND WHEREIN DEFICIENT OR BLAME WORTHY, IF SOE.

[Investments] on the coast [ ] subordinate.

[Remarks on Investment] to be [ ] into.

13. Before wee descend to particulars, we must tell you we look upon all Our Settlements on the Coast and at Sumatra, Subordinate to you and as such under your Controul, so that we shall say nothing here as to their delays in sending the Goods Expected from them because if unavoidable you will excuse them, as being Judges on the place, If Carelessness or negligence was the Cause you must remedy it, and therefore We only add the Observations and Remarks necessary to be made on their Investments in this Letter, leaving you to see the same putt in Execution.

[ ] Investments.

[Metchlepatam] Goods very [dear.]

14. You doe exceeding well to have a watchfull Eye upon the Investments of all places, and particularly at Metchlepatam where it is notoriously evident their goods are exorbitantly dear; The pretence of two Buyers may have something in it, but is not to us nor as We believe to you, Sufficient to perswade, that We are honestly dealt with, at least that Our Servants mannage Our Affairs wisely You

are near the place and can be better inform'd of the truth of things, We at this distance can only or at least principally Judge by comparing [the Price] of Goods now, and heretofore; So that we must rely on your care to rectify what is amiss or give orders for laying out less Money there, or what else you judge most for our Service, and Wee hope now the Agreement between both Com^{as}: is as good as finish'd wanting only setting some small matters in the form of the Writing, both sides will concurr in India, to buy Indian goods as Cheap and sell our Europe goods as Dear as you can, The prospect of this advantage being One Principall Inducement on both sides to Unite, To this purpose the New Comp^{a}: have wrote to all their ffactors by their Ships lately gone [and] going, one of whose Letters to their President at Metchlapatam, comes Enclosed, w^{ch}: do you forward thither, by a safe and Speedy Conveyance, We are very sensible the Natives took the advantage of two Competitors to raise the goods on both; It will now be your time mutually to Improve this Union, to reduce them to their former prices.

[. . . [. . .] Council here. [. . .] [. . .] Investmt: [. . .] thereby [. . .]

15. Your long cloth & Salampores ordinary from Vizagapatam [being] used here for dying & printing, will vend best if one third part thereof be brown, because they are stronger than [the white] the Conjee hinders the dye or stain penetrating into [. . .]

16. All your long cloth & Salampores blew, should be [. . .] Colour, looking almost black, which makes them val[uable] Whereas the pale or Midling blews are not acceptible [for con]sumption.

Blew cloth to be of the deepest dye.

17. Sail cloth as we advised you last Year, turns to no Acc[ount] [. . .] be bought Cheaper, or the Market here by bringing but [. . .] will take it off at better prizes; however if you should see [. . .] home any let it be brown, rather than white, & rather fine [. . .]

Sail Cloth no Comodity in England.

18. Although Metchlap^{a}: goods come to us so exceeding [. . .] you will observe by Our last list, we have forbidden sev^{ll}: [. . .] the quantityes of others, yet so intent are We for the prosp[ect of] Madrass, That whatever of the sorts purchased at Met[chlepatam] can be made at Madrass, We allow you to send us, althô [. . .] rather loose by them, than otherwise, because in time y^{e}: [. . .] may be brought to do them cheaper, at least they are [. . .] paying us something into Our Revenues, and such usefull [. . .] serve to aggrandize that City, and make our own Affairs [. . .] flourishing, so that whatever goods they can make proper [. . .] Europe Paintings or others keep them Employed in [. . .] as cheap, and as good as you can; We think also [. . .] contribute to their Cheapness, by paying them part of their [wages] in Rice, and buying Cotton when Cheap, which you can purchase better than they.

Metchlepatam Goods recommended the making of them here.

Advantages proposed thereby

19. You [*sic*] care to send home Our Ships fully & well Laden, [bespeaks] its own Comendation; We could have been glad to have said [. . .] concerning the timely dispatch of y^{e}: King William, who is by [. . .] late an arrival in the River, not yet unladen.

Ships full Laden & early dispatch'd commended.

20. The keeping up Our Investments to their true Musters goodness; we have wrote fully about formerly, however being that great Concern to us, We can't lett it goe without a [. co .] mendation, not doubting but as you write, so you will constan[tly] retain the Care thereof in your minds.

Investments to be kept up to musters.

21. We doe in like manner approve your Care in sorting [Goods] below Muster, in lower Numbers, and getting an equitable abatement on them, as also your recomemending the equal [. . .] of all goods, any failure therein redounds to our [. . .] Samples prove worse than [. . .] whole Bale [sells] accordingly or if better the Buyers give us a great deale of trouble for allowances, or leave the whole on Our hands.

Taken in Goods to lower Numbers, approved f.

22. As to the Goods now prohibited, We haveing wrote you largely last Year, In what cases you may buy them, and of what sorts, need say no more at present, not questioning but you will also consider that the New Comp^{as}: Servants enlarging or decreasing their Investment in those sorts of Goods, will be a guide to you to buy up more or less thereof as you shall apprehend will turn to Our advantage.

[. . . bought [. . lessend.

[. . .] fought at the [. .] [. . .] already [. . .] will [. . .] why [. . .] to be wth : drawn.

23. We shall be now less Solicitous than formerly about great quantityes of Goods and more desirous to have them good of their kind, and reduced to the Ancient Prices, or as near them as possible; and for as much as the Effects of both Compas: already sent out are very Considerable, and likely to glutt ye: Europe Markett for some time; we are both sides inclin'd to send the less, as well for the benefitt of what already abroad, as thereby to enable you to lower the prices of goods, or pick & cull them both which are feasible, when the Natives shall find ye: Demand for them is abated, however we don't by this mean you should withdraw any of Our ffactoryes, at least at this time; although you may retrench the Charges by leaving the fewer at Madapollam, & Metchlepatam, if you see it best so to doe.

[. . .] Indigo at Fort [. . .] discouraged.

24. If Indigo be of so small a growth, and ye: People at St: Davids can't make it worth while to raise it, nor make it good of ye: Kind, somewhat in proportion to the goodness of Lahore; It is to no purpose to attempt it any further; Our pressing them at first was on the Encouraging prospect, they gave us of Success.

[. . .] delay in Investmts: St: David. [. . .]

25. Our pretence mention'd in ffort St: Davids Letter, for being so backward in Compleating their Investmts: is their want of Washers, which remov'd in the late ffamine, Had Our former orders been observ'd for buying up grain for the usefull handycrafts people, That Complaint had been out of doors, what remains at present is to give them Orders for preventing the like in future, and Encouraging all such Persons to inhabitt with them by giving them full Employes.

[. . .] Painters at Fort St: [. . .] recommended.

26. We understand there are great Numbers of ye: Tappy painters used to live thereabouts, which being a good Comodity on ye: Island of Sumatra and places contiguous; We hope you do & will encourage [them in their] Art, by taking off their goods when made, if they [. . .] and sending them to Atcheen or Bencoolen [. . .].

Pepper well Garbled recomended & to advise the grouth.

27. Take care that what Pepper you send us [. . .] for We are forced to pay the same freight & Custom [. . .] Other Pepper, and send Advices of this to the Bay & [. . .] us of what years growth all the pepper is hereafter to guide us in our allowances to ye: Owners, on accot: of [. . .].

Sword of State, answered.

28. The Sword of State, you mention to be not [worth] We have enquired into, and find it was furnish'd by [. . .] who says he did not get Three pounds by it altho he [charged] us in the Bill of Parcells, at thirty pound, and so much [. . .] it.

Thirdly as to Our Trade in Genll: and therein [an[y] Transactions, with the Country Governmt:

29. The matter of Trade has been touch'd upon under ye: [. . .] and will require the less here.

½ Penny ℔ Pound on peper at the West coast taken off.

30. Our Letter to Bencoolen, Copy Whereof is enclosed, [. . .] you we have for the reasons mentioned therein taken off [. . .] ℔ pound on the Custom of Pepper at Bencoolen hoping it will [. . .] the Benefitt you and they propose by it.

Recovering the goods lost at Malacca by Mr: Blackmore recommended.

31. We desire you will not forget the goods Seiz'd at Ma[lacca] Mr: Lim Blackmores Custody; Mr: Dolbens reason for delivering the Letter wrote to the Genll: at Batavia, because [. . .] peevishness, and the hopes of the Directors succeeding him, does [. . .] seem to us so apparent as the Directors cunning management to prevent the demand; although We desire the goods may be gott [by] fair means, yet if they at Batavia give an absolute denyall, we [have] some foundation to make our demand upon their superiour [. . .] Europe, wherefore take the first fitting Season to know what [. . .] must trust to.

32. We are glad to find you have gott in some part of the [arrears] from Vizagapatam, but you must never lett our People [. . . .] at rest, till all the Debt be discharged.

goods new the recovery [. . . .] of the debt at Vizagapm :

33. We take notice what you write touching Nabob [. . .]-Cawn, that he is like to give you trouble, and Expects large [presents] from you; at ffort S^t: Davids they seem to have the like apprehensions and what methods both places have used to prevent his designes, which we hope will be Effectuall, Those rapacious Gove[rn^rs:] are always coveting to be fingering our Money, and you [. . . .] by all prudent wayes contrive to keep their hands out [of our] Pockett.

Troubles from the Governmt : taken notice of.

34. [. . . .] Shipwreck at ffort S^t: Davids mentioned in their Letter appear to us to be well managed, and so the Issue was proportionably a Suitable mixture of prudence, Civil Carriage, and at proper Seasons undaunted Resolution, are alwayes necessary for those who have to do with the haughty Avaritious Moores, and their under Officers, we know no One Method, so Effectuall, as the keeping yourselves and all our other fortified Settlements in a good posture of Defence.

[. . .]

FOURTHLY CONCERNING OUR REVENUES & FFORTIFICATIONS.

35. We are well pleased with the Assurances you give us of taking all imaginable Care in the improving our Revenues & promoting our Interest in every respect, resting satisfied you will continue the same Zeal for Our Service.

[. . .] approved of

36. Your Reference to the Generall Books for Acco^t: of Our Revenues would be a pretty sufficient Answer to Our 35th: & 36th: par^s: by the Howland, If the Books were as fresh as your Letters, but the time between y^e: Ending of the Books & y^e: dates of y^e: Letters are from Six to near twelve months difference, and those articles take no great time to Collect from y^e: Gen^ll: Acco^ts: and are more pleasing to us, because seen at One view, The Acco^t: of Revenues receiv'd by the King William is very particular, not only as to the quantum arising from Each head, but y^e: severall Dutys payable thereon, which make up that amount, send y^e: like amount yearly.

[. . .] Revenues [. . .] part.

37. If twelve months be too long a time to allow persons that lodge their goods at Madrass in y^e: Monsoon do you limit it as you see most convenient, and if any apparent prejudice to the Customes will arise from the Liberty of draw backs till a Determinate time, you are upon the place, and can best Judge, what will be most for our Interest, Therefore do [what] you see best, our aims are to make Madrass as flourishing a place for Trade as we can, and thereby to encrease our Revenue the Methods for doing it, we doubt not but you will pursue as far as you are able, for we apprehend if Madrass could [be] the [public Repositary] on that side of India, as Holland [. . .] [advantages would] in time occur to [. . . .]

[. . .] backs whether y^e: Interest the Presidt: [. . .] best Judges. [. . .] aims to make Madrass flourishing Port.

38. The Weight and Matt of the Rupee and Pagodo, we [. . . .] it will be a guidance to us in Our Computations of y^e: Difference between Gold and Silver and otherwise, Wee would have you send all the Rupees you can spare, from our Investments, down to Bay, where they will be wanted to clear former Acco^ts: and [. . .] even against the time our Joynt Management with y^e: New Com[pany] commences.

weight and matt of Rupees and Pag^s: a guidance to y^e: Compa: wt: Rupees can spare send to Bengall.

39. You did very well in permitting the Gosfright to se[ll] her Cargo at the ffort, The reasons in your Consultation for [the] purpose, we approve.

permitting the Gosfright to dispose of her Cargo approved.

40. We observe in the ffort S^t: Davids Letter they paid the Peons their Wages in Paddy out of y^e: Stores laid up at Coddolore which was well done, They Complain what by Rats and other Vermine, and lying so long by, it would not hold out the first [quantity] which we know not what to say to If they used

Disposall of Paddy in Store at Fort S^t: David approved.

the utmost Care and precaution to preserve it from Vermine, and have suffer'd no Embezlements to be cover'd under the pretence of Shrinking by lying, however we should have thought that whe[n] once they saw a probable hope of a plentifull Year, they ought to have been disposing the Old Store, to make room for new [supply] as the Markett price rul'd, Their prohibition of buying Slaves for Exportation wee approve for we are not for lessening [but] increasing the Inhabitants, Especially the usefull sorts, which are not only Serviceable in ye: Manufactoryes, but help to strengthen the Place, and one Way or other increase our Revenues.

Selling Slaves at Fort St: David disapproved.

Garrison kept in repair's means of lessening Piscashe.

41. We approve your and their Care to Strengthen the ffortifications, and keep them repaired and defensible, That [generally] speaking is the best Argument against Piscashes to ye: [. . .] or other officers, and authenticates an Excuse for not [giving] often or as largely as they crave We shall be glad to hear [the] Wall round your Black Town is compleated.

the Union between the 2 Comps: hindred inquiry after the Ground Mr: Greenhills.

[. . . house to . . .].

[. . .] to be paid for.

42. We have not hitherto mett with any one to offer [. . .] Ground belonging to Mr: Greenhill, or Sr: Mathias [Vincent] Children, and the business of an Agreement with ye: New [comp'] hindred Us from inquiring fully about it, We shall [. . .] lett it Slip out of our minds. In the interim you will [do] well to take Care that the Buildings to the [. . .] [are] repaired by the Concerneds as to prevent danger to ye: persons walking along the Street, and the like repairs to be done to the Riverward, and if no one there will dœ it, for the Concerneds Empannell a Jury, to Inspect what is necessary to be performed, cause it to be done, and charge the Cost to ye: proprieters or take such a part of the Ground as shall be legally adjudged to be an Equivalent.

[Ret]renching charges at Fort St: David recommended.

[. . .] Generall Table to be kept [rather] yn: seperate allowance.

43. We are content ye: Garden at ffort St: Davids be continued to the ffactory, since you are satisfy'd of its usefulness, we would have our People neither want nor wast; Our great Charges cry aloud to dry up every Chañell of Expence, or at least to be as good husbands as possible, and therefore since the Annuall Charge at ffort St: Davids can't be Exactly ascertained, we desire and expect, that as they are under your inspection, you will see they are frugall, and use all possible good husbandry; If the Reduction of the Genll: Table at ffort St: Davids be advantagious to us, It is well but we should think a little Care would do the same wth: the Genll: Table; and besides when every ffactor and Writer goes a different way to his meals, they are under greater temptations to fall into idle Company, than when they are under the Eye of their Superiours, On the whole matter continue, or alter ye: present method of a separate dyet as you see fitt.

Ffifthly touching ffactors and Writers Officers and Soldiers and their Accots:

[. . .] and Writers on ye: [. . .]

44. You will by the Colchester and Wentworth receive Mr: Robt: Coppin Nephew to Our Deputy Governr: Mr: Jams: Lyde, Mr: Wm: ffinch and Mr: Nathl: Barrow, ffactors, and Mr: Thos: Cooke, Mr: Chas: Lockyer, Mr: Anto. Etterick, Mr. Thos: Greaves, Mr: Wm: Dixon, Mr: Arran Jones, and Mr: Samll: Withrong, Writers, whom We would have you very carefull to prefer, as they shall be found to deserve.

Braddyus arrivall.

45. Mr: Roger Braddyl is come home, We take notice what you write concerning him.

[. . .] what due to Mr: Peachie.

46. We are glad Mr: Jery: Peachyes Accot: is adjusted and ended, and we have paid to his Brother, and other his Attorney here, what appears due to him from ye: Indian Books, on Accot: of his Sallary payd in England &ca:

Mr: Woolston not forgott by the Company.

47. Notwithstanding our intended agreement [with the] Company we dont design to pass by Mr: Woolston, [. . .] take care when the Agreement is Executed, as we belie[ve] [. . . denly] will wanting only the Methodizing some Clauses; Mr: Pitts have orders to deliver him to you, to oblige him, adjust Accots: if it is not done before.

48. We are glad Mr: Dobyns merits your favour, we [had] a great respect for his ffather and should be pleas'd to hear [that] you have found it for Our service to preferr him to be one [of] the Council, when it shall be proper.

Mr: Dobyns recommended to be of Council.

49. Mr: Berlues Mother desires he may not be remov'd from ffort St: Davids, we understand he speaks ye: language and is usefull there, Wherefore lett him continue, unless you see good reason to the Contrary.

Mr: Berlu stay at Fort St: David recommended.

50. You are best Judges of what Encouragement your Secretary may deserve, and therefore, whenever you Offer [yor:] Opinion therein particularly, we will take it into Consideraco̅n.

Allowance to the Secretary to be considered.

51. We have heard nothing from the Relations of Mr: Thomas ffawcett, whom you have entertained ffactor touching security for that Station, so that unless you see good reason to ye: contrary you must discharge him, Except he can give Security with [you].

Mr: Faucet unless gives Security to be discharged.

52. As touching Hammon Gibbons accot: we had hopes you wou'd have adjusted it as well as you could, what can we doe here in it, but what you could have perform'd wth: greater clear[ness] having the Books by you, and some of you remembring [him] sending to Sumatra, and being able even from your [Memory] turn readily to the most materiall Articles of Charge [on] him, and then he being so long with you before his [decease that there] was time and opportunity to bring matters to a period [. . .] and Examining his Allegations and Items for discharge, we [. . .] wish you had done it as we more then once, wrote you to [dœ] and would now be glad to hear your opinion, on the [whole] matter, and in the Interim shall put our Accomptant to see what he can make of it.

Mr: Hammon Gibbons Accot: easyer adjusted in India then England.

[. . .] Presidt:

53. Capn: Werlinghoof was out on a discovery of a Spice Island, taking passage on ye: Sampson but design'd to have [. . .] by the Sedgwick which Ship we bought [. . .] how she miscarry'd you know, and why he was not sent on ye Sedgwick or sent afterwards, we know not, that Affair was recommended to the Care of the then President, and we wonder Our now President should not have the Letters, but we are ready to apprehend his pretences seem'd very frivolous, on the whole matter if you find him usefull to us continue him otherwise ease us of the Charge.

Capt: Warlinghoof sent out on discovery. [. . .] papers mere. [. . .]: now Presidt Liberty given to discharge Capt:

54. If your Essay Masters used to have dyett at the Compas: Table, the two Mr: Cookes sent in that Station ought to have ye: same Priviledge, otherwise not, for we have looked over Our Books, and find no mention made of that matter, one way or other, only That they were entertain'd Essay Masters at Such Sallaryes.

Dyett allowed ye: Essay-mastrs:

55. Mr: Dubois, we Expect will be with you being before this, and there Viva Voce Settle his Accots: or at least bring matters to such a certainty as will enable you finally to Conclude the Articles in Difference between the Chief and Council of Vizagapa: and him, so that we shall at present suspend giving Our Opinion of the Letter from thence receiv'd in your packett by ye: King William, Mr: Dubois has been Signally Serviceable to us at Swalley when our Generall was trappand there, which merits a particular mark of our favour, and therefore we now enforce our former Recommendation of him in ye: 15th: para: of our Letter of ye: 20th: Novembr: 1699 however we can't forbear adding here That since that Council give assurances we shall be reimbursed Buddy Narrans &ca: Debts We hope you will see the whole done accordingly.

State of Mr. Duboises Accot:

Good services he has done . . . the Compa: at Surat.

56. There took passage last year on ye: Bedford Mr: Theops: Oglethorpe Writer for the ffort, his ffather Sr: Theops: Oglethorpe to whom We are greatly obliged, desires he may be initiated in the knowledge of the China Trade, Wherefore we would have you, whenever you send a Ship to China let him proceed on her, to the End he may gain Experience therein to qualify him for a good Station in a future Voyage.

57. What Soldiers come by this Ship you will see by the List, We are Sorry any of those now with you should be by an immoderate drinking Parrier Arrack [. . .] was, we question not but you will do your utmost to discourage that

Drunkeness in Souldiers to be discouraged

Vice, chiefly for the persons sakes, and after that for [. . .] Acco^{t}: who as you know are at great charges in sending them and maintaining them, wee are apt to fear if they are sotts would mischief themselves by drinking other Liquors, if that Branch [of] the Revenue was put down, so that we cant readily come into a Cons[ent] to discourage the making it.

the Arrack Farme no prejudice to them.

Mr: Dolben to pay 12 £ a ps for Three Persons.

58. We did at M^{r}: Dolbens desire permitt his Sonne William and Servants Jam^{s}: ffriend and Tondore an Indian to goe with him [. . .] Voyage, he then promised they should return with him on the first Ship bound home after his return to the ffort, but if any of them [sta^{ys}:] longer in the Country he would pay Twelve pounds ahead into [y^{e}:] Cash, which you must take care be Comply^{d}: with.

Peter Dewall permitted to goe home.

59. There is one Peter Dewall a Souldier whose friends have desired he may come home, do you if he has a mind to it permitt him to return on any of Our ships gratis.

Mr: Eustaces Estate to be inquired into & Bali^{s} to be sent home.

60. M^{r}: Alexander Eustace Brother to Jam^{s}: Eustace deceas'd [. . .] his Executor has apply'd to us for the Ballance of his Acco^{t}: wh[ich] will be paid he says M^{r}: Styleman informs him, that his Brother had some Adventures abroad not then return'd which we would have you enquire into and assist M^{r}: Empson the Executors Attorny in recovering, and pay the same into Our Cash advising us what [. . .] so paid in, that we may Acco^{t}: for it to the Executor.

Thomas Roberts to have leave to goe home.

61. There is one Thomas Roberts a Souldier at ffort S^{t}: Davids who was Steward to the Cap^{n}: of the Ruby Cast away at Mayo [. . .] his friends have Solicited us for his discharge, and that he may be employe'd in Maritime Affairs or otherwise or permitted [to] come home which we have granted and would have you [. . .] in.

William Knight leave to come home.

62. The friends of William Knight Souldier, tell us he has [served] Nine years there, and can't obtain leave from y^{e}: Deputy Gover^{nr}: to return to his Mother, If this be true, and he continues [his] desire to come home permitt him.

Capt: Wyat to go to Bencoolen & to give a Commission to him.

63. We have entertain'd M^{r}: John Wyat a Lieutenant for Bencoolen, he takes passage on this Ship Colchester do you send him thither by the first Opportunity and give him Commission as usuall.

Lawrences wife leave to live [in] Bengall Factory.

64. We omitted in the Bengall Generall to take notice of a Complaint made us, That our President & Council there scrupled to permitt our ffactor M^{r}: Lawrence his Wife to lodge in the ffactory do you send them notice as he went out with our leave, so that having Our licence, We would not have them hesitate upon it any longer.

Sixthly as to the New Comp^{A}: our late Competitors.

[. . .] sent to Mr: Pitt [any . . .] approved of by ye: Comp^{a}:

[. . .] hopes of putting [. . .] to all competition.

[. . .] Company how set [. . .]

[. . .] what Fermes

65. We have perused your Paper Contests with M^{r}: Pitt at Metchlepatam & must say as We have heretofore done on y^{e}: like occasions you have behav'd yourselves to Our great Satisfaction. We wou'd also add that we doubt not but you will persevere, however, we hope the Agreement lately made between both Comp^{as}: will put a totall Stop to future competition and paper or other scuffles of that kind since by the Agreement, we are to have an equality in future management twelve of Each Comp^{a}: being to be appointed for that purpose as a Court of Managers, our Comp^{a}: and the New Comp^{a}: are to contribute Each their Moyety of what the Managers think fitt to Export, Those Managers are to have the future directions in all matters relating to the Trade, the settlements, and all other concernes · But Each Comp^{as}: ffactors are to manage the Separate Stocks of their respective Employers and return the same home in convenient time, and are to receive and pay Debts and even Acco^{ts}: in India, to the End that in Seaven Years or sooner both Comp^{as}: Estate may be returned and divided among the Adventurers, and then One Joynt Stock Company be composed of both Companyes, and to that End Our Adventurers are to have the Moyety of the ffund which we are and shall be possessed of in Our Corporate Capacity transferred to them personally, as you will see more at large in the heads of agreement approv'd of in both our Generall Courts herewith sent you.

[. . .] which induced an [. . .]

66. One Generall Reason which induced both sides to agree next to the Generall Peace and Amity here and in India was as before hinted that the trade might be rendered advantagious for the future, We are very apprehensive two

Sellers in India depretiate our Europe Comodities and two Buyers there enhan[ce] Indian Goods and by the Return of those [. . . .] Quantityes, The Buyers here pick and call the [. . . .] almost at their Own Prices, These have been the [effect of] Competition hitherto which We find by a Dear [. . . .].

67. To prevent these Evils at present and in future [the two companies] have given directions to their severall Settlements in [India] according to the Copy Enclosed dated the 12th: January, the Original whereof we sent by their Ship Tankerville to you, the Bay, [and] Suratt, which We recommend to you and all other Our People [to] perform on your parts, as we believe will be done by the [New] Companyes Servants on theirs. good Agreement of Companys Servts: in India recommended.

68. True it is those Orders are principally intended on Acco[t]: of your seperate management for what has, and shall be sen[t] out before the Agreement takes place after which you will receive Generall Instructions from the Managers, In the Interim, [we] recommend to you to consult with the New Comp[as]: people as often as you see needfull touching the best Wayes for disposall of [the] Europe Comodityes, and to the best advantage, and also for buying up of India Goods Endeavouring mutually all you can to reduce the prices, to what they where before y[e]: Competition between Us, and taking Speciall Care, the severall goods be as much as you can better of their Kind, and we shall contribute thereto, [on] our parts, by sending out lesser stocks and tonnage to make [what] already abroad more beneficiall which seems to be generally consented to on both Sides not doubting but your prudent Care in this Affair will be such that our Ships be dispatcht: [and] as full and profitable returnes made us, as may evince yo[u] least keep equall pace w[th]: y[e]: ffactors of the New Company.

69. We also expect the Annimosityes that have been on [each side] will now be forgotten and dye and as we have here agreed on Mutuall Releases to be given by Each Comp[a]: to the other &[ca]: ffactors & Servants so we would have both Sides in India bury all that is past in silence and forgetfullness, the New Company [having] assured us, they [have] wrote their people to the same purpose and that they will equally perform all offices of friendship [with] you which we doubt not but will be strictly observ'd, having gone through your Letters and added what We think at present needfull. We conclude these with telling you that Your Pacquett by the King William being put into the Box of Books, which was too big to bring on horseback lay at Plymouth where she put in, till the Ship came away, so that We remain'd a great while without Our Invoice Generall Letters and other needful Papers to prevent the like misfortune (which has not been the first) put the Letters Invoices and other necessary Papers at least apart by themselves and order they be brought up the Purser.

71. You will find in the Colchester Cargo two Cases of paper & ffactors provisions for the Bay, which We would have you send thither by the first opportunity, so comending you & our Affairs to the Guidance & Protection of the Almighty, We remain,

Your loving friends.
THO: COOKE, *Gov[R]*.
W. LANGHORN.
W[M]: PRICHARD.
RI: LEVETT.
HEN: JOHNSON.
THO: RAWLINSON.
JONATHAN ANDREWES.
JAMES BULL.
FRAN: DASHWOOD.
FF: BRERE.
WILL: WOOD.
PETER VAN SITTART.
W[M]: HEVER.
[PETER JOYE.]
GEO: PASKE.
JOHN BROMWELL.

[Wee] have since the Wentworth's dispatch drawn on our President & Councill [on the] Bay the following Bills of Exchange Viz[t]: One for two Thousand four hundred [seventy] Seaven Rupees Six Anaes two thirds payable to M[r]: Thomas Curgenven or [. . .] value received of M[r]: William Thorowgood: the other for One Hundred fifty four [Rupees] thirteen Anaes payable to M[r]: Charles Du Bois or Order value received of him here which do you give Advice to the Bay by the first opportunity that they may be paid accordingly at thirty dayes after sight.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT S^T^: GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH [10,] 1702. RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 9, 1702. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 32–35].

LONDON THE [MARCH 1702].

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Since writing our Generall Letter of the 6th: instant, It has pleased God to take to himself our late Sovereign King William of glorious [memory] the 8th: instant, in the morning, after a few dayes sickness, which as it is a [great] Calamity must needs affect you, as it has done the Nation, and will do the [. . .] to our Allies abroad, But we must submit to the divine Disposall, in whose hands all our Breaths are, You will see by the accompanying Print [how] unanimous the Parliament has been in their Votes & Addresses to Our [gracious] Queen Anne which have given a new life to all here And we [mention] not but the Newes thereof will be equally satisfactory to our [. . . .] Allies, and althô his Majesties sudden death is a very greât & general [mis-] fortune, Yet the Votes of the Commons & the Concurrence of both [Houses] in their said Addresses, and her Majesties gracious Assurances of [her] Royall Care to support the Alliances abroad, and to take the Advice of [the] Councill & Parliament have wholly quieted the minds of the People [to the] generall satisfaction of all, so that everything goes on currently [and] easily as before: Out Fleet is in good forwardness, our supplyes of Forces to assist the Dutch, by vertue of former Treatyes are [. . .] the Nation is in a good posture of Defence in case of a War with [. . .] which is not yet declared, altho very much apprehended, And Advice of this matter to the Bay, and all our Subordinate Fact[ors] and order them as we do you to proclaim her Royall Majestie [. . .] our Settlements, with the greatest Solemnity you can. So [committing] You and our Affairs to the Guidance & Protection of [the] Almighty. We remain

Your very loving [friends]
THO: [COOKE, Gov^R^].
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[ ]
[ ]
[JONATHAN: ANDREWES.]
W^M^: HEVER.
THO: RAWLINSON.
GEO: PASKE.
FF: BREREWOOD.
PETER VAN SITTART.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
JAMES BULL.
HENRY KELSEY.
HEN: JOHNSON.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO SURAT. LONDON, MAY 14, 1702. RECEIVED JULY 11 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 106–109].

OUR GENERAL OR PRESID^T^: & COUNCIL OF SURATT. LOND^O^: Y^E^: 14TH: MAY 1702.

The occasion of this short overland letter is to acquaint you y^t^: wee had taken up y^e^: Howland 400 Tons & y^e^: Regard 250 tons for y^r^: place. Wee have prepared suitable Cargos of Wollen Goods, & other Commoditys, & Bullion for Suratt & Persia, as also supplys for [the] bay a great p^t^: of y^e^: Goods are already, & have been for some time on board them, & they had been dispatched away, before this, in prosecution of their Voyage, but were prevented by y^e^: Warr, declared against ffrance and Spain y^e^: 4th: Ins^t^: w^ch^: necessitated her Majes^tt^: to hasten out y^e^: Generall ffleet to Sea & to y^t^: end, a Gen^ll^: Embargo was laid on all Ships, & also a very severe Press was ordered, w^ch^: took away most of y^e^: Mariners of y^e^: two Ships; the New Comp^a^. are under y^e^: like disappoint-

m^{t}: for their Suratt Shipping, and so are all other Merch^{ts}: in their outward bound trade, inasmuch as y^{e}: Embargo still continues.

Wee advised you last year, y^{e}: apprehensions wee were in, of a suddain Rupture wth: ffrance & Spain, & y^{e}: reasons of it, so that wee need not repeat them again.

Wee have reason to hope, y^{t}: notwithstanding our ꝑsent disappointm^{t}: by y^{e}: Impressing of our Men, y^{e}: two ships will in a little while, be permitted to proceed their Voyage, however for fear of y^{e}: worst, wee send you this Notice, in case they should not: as also y^{e}: Duplicate of our letter, designed by y^{e}: Ships: and y^{e}: coppy of a letter sent by y^{e}: Coast & Bay shipping, mutually agreed upon by both Comp^{as}: to be wrote to their several ffactorys in India, advising y^{e}: agreem^{t}: lately made by us, for y^{e}: common advantage of both; That agreem^{t}: is since perfected, & wee daily expect her Majesty will sign y^{e}: same, in order to its being engrossed & past under the great seal of England, & y^{e}: seals of both Comp^{as}: This Union will put an utter stop, to all y^{e}: troubles, occasioned by your, & our late Competitors, whereof your late Letters do so frequently & justly complain, Copy of y^{e}: Heads of Agreem^{t}: come also enclosed.

It has pleased God, That y^{e}: Dutchess is safely arrived in y^{e}: Channell as far as Lyme & wee hope she will very speedily get into y^{e}: River, y^{e}: Purser brings news of our other ships arrivall at y^{e}: Coast, & in y^{e}: Bay, & how they have been disposed off. But y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: letters, Invoyces & accompanying papers, being put up together, wth: y^{e}: private letters in a Box, w^{ch}: y^{e}: Purser says is too big to bring a horse back is left behind; To prevent y^{e}: like on y^{r}: side, do y^{o}: take care, our immediate Packett, be always closed up apart, & delivered to y^{e}: Capt: to be sent us, from the first landing Port in England, especially if y^{e}: Box of letters proves too cumbersome to be carryed by y^{e}: Purser when he rides Post. So comending you & our Affairs to the Guidance & Protection of y^{e}: Almighty, Wee remain,

Your loving ffriends
JN^{O}: FFLEET, *Gov^{R}.*
W^{M}: LANGHORN *D.G.*
W^{M}: PRICHARD.
SAM: DASHWOOD.
THO^{S}: RAWLINSON.
JAMES GRAY.
FFREDERICK HERNE.
R^{I}: ACTON.
PETER JOYE.
JONTH: ANDREWS.
DAN: DUVALL.
THO^{S}: COULSON.
JAMES CRAGGS.
JN^{O}: BROMWELL.
URBAN HALL.

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DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JULY 31, 1702. RECEIVED JUNE 30, 1703 [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 13, pp. 1–2.*]

LONDON THE 31ST: JULY 1702.

PRESIDENT & COUNCILL [FORT ST.] GEORGE.

This comes to acquaint you That both Companys having agreed to write, as hath been already advised to their respective Factoryes, the Charter of Union past the Great Seal the 22d: of July instant, and the next day each Company put their Seals to the same, Copy whereof goes herewith, Whereby you will see That the 3,15,000£ which the Old Company had in the Generall Society is united to the Joynt Stock of the New Company, At the same time were executed the Writings and Agreements mentioned the[rein] all dated the 22d: July.

2. By one Instrument It is declared, That the Old Companys three[ships] Vizt: The Howland Capt: Thomas Hayes Comander, & the Regard Captn: Thomas Warner Comander bound for Surrat, and the Gloucester Frigot Capt: Philips Browne Comander bound for Bencoolen; And the New Company's three ships, Vizt: The Mary Capt: Christopher Lyell Comander, & the Katherine Captain James Jennifer Comander, both bound for Surrat, and the Samuell & [Anna] Capt: Finch Reddall Comander, bound for Borneo, now going out should remain for the separate Accompt of the respective Companeys.

3. Another Writing conveys the Dead Stock of the Old Compa: to the English Company, and declares, That the said English Company are to stand possessed thereof, and of their own Dead Stock, for the benefit of ye: United Trade, And for your direction therein, we send you a Copy thereof, to which we refer you, And accordingly the respective Governours & Officers of all the Forts & Castles & other the Dead Stock are in their respective places to take care of them for the benefit of the United Trade, You will also find a Covenant in the Deed of Union, That each Company is to bear the Charges and receive the Profits & Arrears of their respective Dead Stocks to the said 22th: July, to which purpose the severall Bookes in each [. . . .] must be ballanced to the said 22th: of July, And New Bookes be [. . . .] time, for the United Trade & Mannagement, wherein you [. . . .] Charges which do directly relate to the Forts [. . . .] the Charges of [. . . .] are to be born [. . . .] cause an Inventory to be taken of the Dead Stock in each place the 1st: opportunity a copy thereof, & an account in what state & [. . . .]

4. Pursuant to the said Charter of Union, The Courts of each [company,] the 24 Mañagers, for mañaging the said United Trade, And you [are] to follow the Order of the majority of the said Court of Mañagers to the Dead Stocks of both Compas: and the Management of the [. . . .].

5. The New Compa: at the same time transferred One hundred thousand three hundred seaventy five Pounds to the old, Being [. . . .] of the Fund agreed to be sold & transferred to them to make [. . .] therein equall, And the old Compa: paid for the same partly by [. . .] & the rest in mony, & past mutuall Receipts for the said Dead Stock.

6. We are also to add, That it is the direction of each Comp[any] in all their Settlements be preparing as fast as they can to get and settle their depending Accompts, That the present bottom [accounts] in India & England may be wound up within the seaven Years [. . .] Charter of Union, Althô it is hoped it will be done much [sooner than] both Company's have mutually covenanted in the said Charter, [. . .] & servants shall be assisting each to the other in this Affair [. . .] present Union having put a full stop to all your late Com[pany]

And the Trade to India being setled on the firm Basis of [. . . .] & a large Stock We have a hopefull prospect That the [. . .] become more flourishing than ever to the honour of [. . .] of the Adventurers, and that we shall mutually concur to [. . .] the English Reputation in India.

Upon receipt hereof to whomsoevers hands it shall [fall] wee direct That they communicate the same to the Gentlemen [. . .] and that as soon as conveniently they can they meet together [. . .] execution these our orders. We are Your loving [friends].

JONATHAN [ANDREWS].
THOMAS [. . . .].
HENRY [FURNESE].
EDM: [HARRISON].
GILBERT [HEATHCOTE].
[. . . .]
JOHN FLEET.
SAMUEL DASHWOOD.
WILLIAM PRICHARD.
RICHARD ACTON.
GEORGE DODINGTON.
[. . . .]

This is a true Copy of y^e^: Original [sent via] Suratt, and comes by the [Glocester Fri]gott by way of Ben[coolen in hopes] of a speedyer pass[a]: [to you.] East India H°: 11th: Aug[t]: 1702.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, AUGUST 4, 1702. RECEIVED JUNE 30, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 110—113.]

LONDON THE 4TH: OF AUGUST 1702.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE.

Herewith you will receive a Letter from the Court of Managers for the United Trade of both Companyes, which we confirm, wherein is [a clause] That the New Comp[as]: President & Councill should meet with you as soon [. . .] conveniently may be to put in execution the Orders therein contain[ed]. It is the intention of both Comp[as]: That the New Comp[as]: President and Councill should repair to you at Madrass, And we hereby direct and order, That you receive them courteously, & concur together in those Orders and in whatever may tend to the benefit & advantage of the said United Company, and as they are to joyn with You in takeing an Inventory of the Dead Stock in our Settlements, So we would have such Persons [as you] think fit, of which let one or more be of the Councill to accompany them back to Metchlepatam and Madapollam to take the like Accompt of the Dead Stock belonging to the New Company.

Send us an Account of your Joynt Proceedings, & Copyes of [what] you send to the Court of Mannagers.

It is the Agreement of both Companys That all their respec[tive] Presidents, Chiefs & Servants shall continue in their present [places when] the United Investment begins, which will be sent hence the next season, and then the severall appointments will be made, of which you will hear further from Us, & the Court of Mannagers, and you may [be] assured that we have had so large an experience of your ability fidelity [and] zeal, That our Interest which is equall with that of the New Companys [in] the future management will be intirely for your continuance in [your present] Stations, the like we say, for all Persons

that have been faithfull in [their] Stations not doubting but the same character that recommends you and [. . .] to Us, will have equall prevalency with the New Company to concur [with]. We are

Your loving Friends

JOHN FLEET, *Gov*ᴿ:
Wᴹ: LANGHORN *Dep*: [*Gov*ᴿ:]
WILLIAM GORE.
THOMAS RAWLINSON.
THOMAS COULSON.
JAMES BULL.
JAMES CRAGGS.
DANIEL [DUVALL].
THOMAS COOKE.
PETER JOYE.
WILLIAM HEWER.
JONATHAN ANDREWS.
RICHARD ACTON.
WILLIAM PRICHARD.
JAMES GRAY.
JOHN BROMWELL.
[SAMWELL] DASHWOOD.

This is a true Copy of the Originall sent via Suratt and comes by y^e: Glocester frigot by way of Bencoolen in hopes of a speedyer passage to you, East India house the 11th: of Aug^t: 1702.

THO: WOOLLEY,
Sec^ry:

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT WILLIAM. LONDON, FEBRUARY 26, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 114—125.]

LONDON, Yᴱ: 26ᵀᴴ: FEBRY: [1703.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL OF FORT WILLIAM.

1. Wee wrote you under y^e: 5th: of March last by y^e: Wentworth y^e: last ship Sent from hence directly to you, Coppy whereof is inclosed wherein we advised you that the Union of both Company's was in the Main heads & Articles of it agreed to since which by the Surat Shiping the Court of Mannagers for the United Trade wrote to you the 31st: July & 24th: Septemb^r: that the Union was perfected & at y^e: same time sent you printed Coppies of y^e: Charter of Union & Quinquepartite Indenture w^ch: contain the Terms of Agreement at large & in y^e: said Letter they directed you how y^e: dead stock was to be managed what charges each Company was to bear apart & what were to be placed to y^e: United Account in y^e: Bookes that were to be began a new from the 22^d: July as by the s^d: Letters whereto we referr you will more at large appear w^ch: Letter each Company gave cover to & sent their own Instructions along with it Coppy of ours bearing Date y^e: 4th: August accompany's this.

2. What relates to y^e: future Trade to y^e: Bay being under y^e: Direction of y^e: Court of Mannagers only and of neither Company apart we referr you to their Letters on that Account w^ch: will make these advances much y^e: shorter & cause us to omitt giveing answer to many materiall Parragraphs in your Letters now before us rec^d: by the Sidney & Josia dated the 11th: of August 8th: of January and 4th: of Feb: 1701.

3. Wee observe in generall the continued dearness of all goods by which meanes y^e: loading home the Quantity's wrote for and filling up the Tonnage sent you has run you in Debt in the Bay so that we have reason to beleive you will have but little remains in Quick Stock in the Bay after y^e: Dispatch of y^e:

Wentworth althô you should receive the supply's we order'd from the Fort on w^{ch}: Account we need not be large in our Instructions as to Investments & shall only in Generall say whatever remains you have sent them home in Goods, good of their kind & likely to turn to y^{e}: best Account but not too much of any sort or at least of those sorts wherein the New Company return y^{e}: largest part of their seperate Effects on y^{e}: United Company's servants their Consignments, Wee have told you formerly y^{e}: great Duty's laid on all Goods that go under y^{e}: Denomination here of Muslins and that y^{e}: Prohibited goods are only for Exportation but Raw silk is allways a Commodity if it be of y^{e}: A B C D sorts & good of y^{e}: kind so is Floretta yarn of the highest Numbers: Cotton Yarn if fine will sell well but it is bulky: fine Muslins if clear and smart threads & not frayey or woolly & bought at near, y^{e}: Prices six or seaven Years ago will turn to a very good Account, Lacks of all sorts are like to be of less Vallue than formerly because y^{e}: Captains being ꝓhibited from Tradeing in measured Goods as you'le see by y^{e}: Indulgence accompanying this have little besides lacks in y^{e}: Bay to lay out their money in.

4. Salt Petre being likely to turn to very good Account in Europe because of y^{e}: Warr. If you have remains by you & had or can procure us a good quantity & very fine if possible, without any refraction or as little as may be, you will do very well to send it on our own shiping, or on y^{e}: United Company's for Our Account.

5. Being by the Deed of Union to wind up each Company their old bottom, Wee have nothing to recommend to you of greater Importance then y^{e}: settleing & adjusting all depending Acco^{ts}: w^{ch}: we therefore order you to sett about with all Dilligence as to one part of them, namely y^{e}: Account of our Servants Wages we wo^{d}: have you settle them as follows Viz^{t}:

6. Such of our servants as are taken into y^{e}: United Mannagement from y^{t}: day y^{e}: Court of Mannagers are to pay their Sallaries & consequently to bear their charges of Dyett & accommodations and our charge on those Accounts ceases, but least any of them should thereby suppose they are discharg'd from making up their own Accounts or assisting in bringing up their books or doing any other matter incombent upon them to discharge their Duty to us, we give you & them this caution that although we have in Generall consented that [the] Court of Mannagers may employ any of our servants yet we will not permitt, such of our Factors or others to be enter- tained in their service [as] shall refuse to do their Duty as aforesaid, we say nothing here as to our four Councellours joyned wth: y^{e}: four of y^{e}: New Company not doubting but they will doe what becomes them in this Affaire. When our servants are so entertained & have done their parts & Duty's as aforesaid, Certifie to us w^{t}: is due to them on y^{e}: Ballance of their Acco^{t}: & we will pay it here to their Assigns or if they had rather will send it them out on their Risgœ on the next shipping in Bullion according to their order in case y^{e}: United Company continue as we doubt not but they will to permitt money to be sent out to India to their servants.

7. If there should be any that are not so entertain'd & are willing to continue in India as free Merch^{ts}: or come home, you may permitt them so to do when our Affairs don't require their further Employm^{t}: & at such time settle their Accounts and advise us that we may pay the Ballance as for such of them as will stay in our service they may till y^{e}: Expiration of their Covenants or our further Orders.

8. Althô we have by agreement seaven Yeares to wind up our Bottome & y^{e}: New Company y^{e}: like yett we are both resolved to shorten that time as much as we can & therefore recommend to you to clear all remains, settle all Accounts & adjust all Debts with y^{e}: very first Oppertunity.

9. By the Quinquepartite Indenture & Deed of Union herewith sent you will see what it. It is y^{t}: comes under y^{e}: Denomination of Dead Stock & what quick

Stock, You have former Directions for sending us an Inventory of y^e^: dead Stock w^ch^: we expect in due time as to y^e^: Quick stock you must apply yourselves to turn that into money or money's worth as soon & as well as you can & as we will on our Parts strictly observe y^e^: Articles of Agreement as to what concerns us here so we recommend to you to doe y^e^: same on your Part & allow all for dead stock y^e^: Indenture mentions but no more, we observe you say you had more great Gunns, large Anchors, Red Lead & rarities than would vend in Bengall in some Yeares: if so you may sell any of the Gunns to the Councill if they want them for y^e^: Fort att Markett Price y^e^: like to the Commanders of Europe ships as to Anchors or else you may send them to y^e^: Fort or to Suratt or any other y^e^: best markett, we being much concerned to see our remains render us their uttmost Vallue & shall esteem our Servants Accordingly.

10. As to y^e^: debts standing out in y^e^: Country, you must be equally carefully in getting them in on y^e^: best Termes you can as you did in y^e^: case of Peraumoy & Ramjibon nor must you lett goe the great Debts we formerly wrote you about owing at Cassimbuzar & elsewhere but recover them as far as you are able in part, where you can't in whole.

11. Advise us by your next how you settled y^e^: [account] of seaven Thousand five hundred Rupees which [you] write y^e^: Merchants att Cassimbuzar will [not own] they received & Peraumey y^e^: Broker says he [. . .] them, we must not loose a penny of that money: therefore see right be done us by the Broker or Merchants or y^e^: Cashire and lett all our People be more carefull to prevent such occasions of Contest in future.

12. Wee hope you have staved off the Princes expected Present till now, and then if any must be paid to keep fair weather with him, the Councill for the United Trade must take care about it because the benefit expected thereby will accrue to y^e^: United Trade wherein as we are concerned so shall we pay but a Moity you will easily see the reason why we are more then ordinarily concerned to save every Penny we can att this time; But if you should find it absolutely and unavoidably necessary for y^e^: recovery in of any of our old or latter Debts to Piscash y^e^: Prince or other proper persons, wee leave that to your prudence so to do as y^e^: Exigency of y^e^: case requires but with y^e^: least expense you can.

13. Our Revenues must be allso apply'd to y^e^: benefitt of y^e^: United Trade from y^e^: 22^d^: July last. But you must take care that all arrears due to that day be brought to our Account and that y^e^: Souldiers & other Military or Garrison Officers & those employed in collecting y^e^: Revenue, the Persons belonging to y^e^: shipping, the charges of the shiping and small Vessells, and all other matters and charges whatsoever belonging to or arising on Account of y^e^: Dead Stock conveyed as aforesaid are to be placed to y^e^: Account of y^e^: United Trade from the s^d^: 22^d^: of July.

14. Whatsoever Navall or Garrison Stores or Factors Provisions are remaining by you which were Invoiced to you to be made use of on Account of y^e^: shipping Fort or Factory, use and are so used are to reckon'd among the dead stock, but not anything of the species of Goods invoiced to you as Merchandizes, all such being plainly excepted out of y^e^: dead stock unless you should have apply'd any of them to y^t^: Purpose w^ch^: we expect you have been better husbands then to have done.

15. If you should chance to have any of our Europe shiping with you, and their Charterparty's allow or y^e^: Captains are willing that they stay in y^e^: Country, you may keep them till y^e^: next season if you can by letting them out on freight or otherwise employing them, gaine as much as will earn their Demorage, because by that meanes we shall have their earnings in the Country on only pay their Demorage on their return hither.

16. If any Persons are willing to pay you any money into our Cash, you may receive it for such summs as you may want for clearing our Acco^ts^: & give them Bills of Exchange on us after y^e^: rate of Two shillings seaven pence a Rupee,

payable Thirty day's after sight here wch : shall be paid accordingly and this we would have you give notice of to all Persons.

17. As to our Debts we are not able to write particularly till we receive your Bookes to see how & [why] they were contracted & what they are but they [must] be cleared off too, and we earnestly recommend [to] see wee are honestly dealt with therein you write ye : Dadne Merchants that did not bring in their goods in time you had obliged to allow Six months Intrest for that loss, but must tell them if we were only six months sufferers thereby such allowance was reasonable but all our Creditors Expect Intrest from ye : time the money was lent and if you by such want of goods were forced to take up Goods at Intrest or the money that bought them, which is all one, they ought to make good our loss from yt : time till ye : next season of sending Goods for Europe.

18. The Brokers allowance will be near if not quite at an end before this reaches your hands, but we have wrott so fully about it wee can't add anything thereto, if you can doe no better we must submitt to it althô there is a great deale of difference between a settled salary and half & Cent on ye : whole Investmt : ye : continuance or ye : discontinuance of him will be ye : future business of the Councill who manage this present Investment.

19. We are glad to hear ye : Town increases & therewith the Revenue you must keep ye : Account of, of Revenues very private it is enough our Cash feels ye : benefit, But it were better yt : report made them much less then what they truly are, least the Prince be tempted to expect yearly Presents to lett you enjoy them att ease whatever Presents you are forced to give after ye : said 22d : July ought to be deducted out of their Amount & not paid by us alone.

20. Your appointing Sutlers to victuall the Souldiers so well and cheap we approve of.

21. If Mr : Redshaw and Mr : Walde be at Patna wn : this comes to hand & ye : new Mannagement makes use of them, then they are to pay their salary & charges from such time ye : like we say of any other settlements where our servts : are.

22. Red Earth will never doe here on any terms ye : last we had from Suratt did not sell above eight shillings six pence a hundred Customs freight & prime cost included.

23. If ye : new house you were about building in ye : middle of ye : Fort was done before the 22d : July, we must pay for it, if it was not, we would have it forborn now till the Councill for ye : United Trade give order about it.

24. Mr : Herne has given in his charge against Mr : Halsey & we have heard him, but he has not made it out, so we shall say no more of then this we shall be glad if it crosses ye : old Proverb & that there is so much smoke without some fire.

25. As to the two Bills of Exchange drawn on us payable to Nathaniell Higginson Esqr : & Coja Malleer Anwanners we referr you to ye : Enclosed Order of Court of ye : 22d : January last which will fully informe you the reasons why wee have [not] paid them as yet & on what terms we shall be [ready] to doe it hereafter.

26. Wee had severall Debates in ye : Court of Mannagers that is to say the twelve of our [members] who with twelve of ye : New Companys make up that Court touching the Persons to be employ'd by each Company in ye : future Trade & at last mutually resolved That for ye : Present Investment ye : four of Councill of each Company should Act as one United Company and the two first therein namely Mr : Halsey & Mr : Hedges shod : take ye : chair weekly, This we the rather inclined to because the Gentlemen for ye : new Company have shewed us that ye : greatest part of their seperate Effects in India are & will be in ye : Bay and therefore & for ye : common security of both that their Residence should be at Cullcutta & for ye : future benefitt of us all & of the Place. That that should

be the head Factory as being a Place where their & our Estates are better secured then in any other Place in Bengall in case of ye: Mogull's death or other Accident wch: may occasion Troubles in the Country. But in the Mannagers Orders by this conveyance we have taken particular Care That our President shall have all due respect paid him as such and continue in his present Accommodations & the United Councill are Directed from time to time to support his Character in such a manner as may preserve & keep up his Authority with the Natives for the better enabling him & his Councill to manage our seperate concerns to our uttmost advantage and you are to have the use of such Warehouses for that Purpose as you shall have occasion for & our own servants their own or other convenient apartments, but though wee have thus particularly taken this necessary care wee think there will be ye : less need of it when we consider that our own four Councill have an Equall share in ye: Present United Mannagement & we cant harbour so much as a Doubt that they will give the least countenance to any matter or thing that may either directly or in consequence in ye: least impead or hurt our seperate Estate or ye: turning it to our most advantage.

27. It was needfull that the eight Councellours shod: have ye: Command & Direction of ye: Fort Revenues & Civill management of ye: Towns, because by the Deed of Union and Quinquepartite Indenture the New Company have purchased an Equall share of that & all other our Dead stock as we also have of theirs.

28. This Constitution of the Councill & their Mannagemt: is only for this Year both Compas: being sensible that it is more Eligible to have one Person to be at ye: head of Affairs than two but it was thought to be the second best Expedient & when we have on each side our next shiping from India we shall be able to come to a resolution on that head wherein each Company will be influenced as ye: merit of their Respective Presidents appear's in ye: mean-time both Company's reckon that their said Presidents will have the more leisure to intend their seperate Affairs and settle the same according to ye: Intent of ye: [charter] of Union wch: directs yt: each Company are to [wind] [. . .] [their sevll: bottoms in India with all convenient speed without Intermixing one with another or either with the future United Trade.

29. Wee sent you over last Year Mr: Philip Midleton as a Factor, whom we had for severall Years taken into our immediate care & kept him at school till he went from hence we would have you preferr him as he shall be found to deserve and in regard he carry'd with him only Cloths & necessary's for ye: Voyage doe you supply him wth: Ten pounds more for recruiting him therewith, so commending you & our Affairs to ye: guidance & Protection of ye: Almighty. Wee remain

Your Loving Friends
JOHN FLEET, *Govr*:
CHARLES DU BOIS.
JONATHAN ANDREWS.
NATHANLL: HERNE.
THOMAS COOK.
JAMES BULL.
ARTH: MOOR.
FREDERICK HERNE.
PETER JOYE.
WILLIAM PRICHARD.
THO: RAWLINSON.
WILLM: HEWER.
JAMES CRAGGS.
SAMLL: DASHWOOD.
THO: Coulson.
JAMES GRAY.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTORS TO JOHN DU BOIS TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 21, 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK, DECEMBER, 14 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 126-129].

LONDON, 21 JANUARY [1703].

GENTLEMEN,

Wee desire you will cause the [Incloseds] to be safely delivered to Mr. John Dolben but in case [of his] death, wee desire you will open them & execute our orders therein with all the dispatch you can whereby you will very much oblidge.

Gentlemen,

Your very Loving friends [& servants],
STEP : EVANCE.
THO : FREDERICK.
NATH : HERNE.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
Exec^rs: to John du Bois, deceased.

LETTER FROM THOMAS FREDERICK TO FORT ST. GEORGE PER TAVISTOCK. LONDON, MARCH 3, 1703. RECEIVED DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, pp. 130-133].

LONDON y^E : 3^D : OF MARCH [1703].

GENTLEMEN,

The inclosed directed to M^r: Dolben is the import of my orders sent by severall shipping which in case of his death I desire you would please to open, & Execute those orders in his stead, which will highly oblidge.

S^rs :
Your friend & hum : Ser^t :
THO : FREDERICK.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH 5, 1703 RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK, DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 86-93.]

LONDON, 5TH : MARCH [1703.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FFORT S^T : GEORGE,

1. We wrote you under the 6th : & 13th : on March last by the Colchester, the last ship sent from hence directly to the ffort, Copyes whereof are enclosed wherein. Wee advised you that y^e: Union of both Companyes was in the main heads and Articles of it agreed to since which by the Surratt shipping, the Court of Managers for the United Trade wrote to you the 31th : July & 24th : 7ber that

y^{e}: Union was perfected, and at the same time sent you Printed Copyes of the Charter of Union and Quinquepartite Indenture w^{ch}: contains the Terms of Agreement at large and in the said Letter they directed you how y^{e}: Dead stock was to be managed, what Charges Each Company wasto bear apart and what were to be placed to the United Acco^{t}: in the Books that where to be begun anew from y^{e}: 22th: July as by y^{e}: s^{d}: Letters whereto wee refer you will more at large appear which Letter Each Comp^{a}: gave cover to and sent their own Instructions along with it Copy of Ours bearing date the 4th: August accompanyes this.

2. What relates to the future trade from hence to the Coast being under the direction of the Court of Managers only and of neither Companyes apart, we refer you to their Letters on that Acco^{t}: which will make these advices much y^{e}: shorter and cause us to omitt giving answer to severall Paragraphs relating to the Trade and other our affairs mentioned in yor: Letters from the 16th: of April 1701 to the 26th: ffebruary following receiv'd by the Dutchess and Gosfright, they being now under the imediate direction and Cognizance of the Court of Managers. Wee are now to give you our directions touching our separate Concernes.

3. Each Company by the Deed of Union being to wind up their own Bottom, wee have nothing to recommend to you of greater Importance than the setling & adjusting all depending Acco^{ts}: which we therefore order you to sett about wth: all diligence, As to one part of them namely the Acco^{t}: Of our Servants Wages. Wee would have you settle them as follows Viz^{t}:.

4. Such of Our servants as are taken into y^{e}: United Management from that day, the Court of Managers are to pay their sallaryes and Consequently to bear their Charges of dyet & Accomodations and our Charges on those Acco^{ts}: ceases, but least any of them should thereby suppose they are discharged from making up their own Acco^{ts}: or Assisting in bringing up their Books or doing any other matter incumbent upon them to discharge their duty to us, we give you and them this Caution that althô' we have in Generall consented That the Court of Managers may employ any of our servants, yet we will not permitt such of Our ffactors or others to be entertain'd in their service as shall refuse to do their dutyes as aforesaid. We say nothing here as to you not doubting your doing all that is incumbent on you as to our separate affairs when our servants are so entertain'd and have done their parts and dutyes as aforesaid, Certify to us what is due to them on the Ballance of their Accot^{ts}: and we will pay it here to their Assignes or if they had rather will send it them out on their Risco on y^{e}: next shipping in Bullion according to their order, in case the United Company continue as we doubt not but they will to permitt money to be sent out to India to their servants.

5. If there should be any that are not so entertain'd & are willing to continue in India as free Merchants or come home, you may permitt them so to do when our Affairs don't require their further employment, and at such time settle their Acco^{ts}: and advise us that we may pay the Ballance, as for such of them as will stay in Our service they may till the Expiration of their Covenants of Our further Orders.

6. These last Two Paragraphs are the Substance of what we now write to the Bay and were founded on this reason, That y^{e}: Court of Managers joyn'd four of Each Comp^{as}: Council together to Constitute a Council for managing the present Consignments thither and mutually agreed to leave to them to choose so many of Each Comp^{as}: Servants to assist them as they thought fitt, which method, we are sure, will not be the same at ffort S^{t}: George althô wee have not fully concluded that matter as yet, and when we do, shall send Our directions in an after Paragraph, in the meantime so far as y^{e}: above reaches or may reach your case in all Places on the Coast, we would have you observe it. We have on both sides mutually agreed to send no new ffactors or Writers to y^{e}: Coast or Bay because of the Numbers Each Company have there and for that we intend that

all the deserving shall be first provided for, as to My Lord Coningbys Sonne now sent, he is an Exception to that Agreement because we had promised My Lord the last year to send him out.

7. Although we have by Agreement Seaven Years to wind up Our Bottom and the New Comp[a]: the like yet wee are both resolved to shorten that time as much as wee can & and therefore recommend to you to clear all Remains, settle all Acco[ts]: and adjust all Debts with the very first Oppertunity.

8. By the Quinquepartite Indenture and Deed of Union herewith sent, you will see what it is that comes under the Denomination of Dead stock, and what quick stock, you have former Directions for sending Us an Inventory of the Dead stock, which we expect in due time; as to the Quick stock you must apply yourselves to turn that into money or moneys worth as soon and as well as you can And as we will on our Parts Strictly observe the Articles of Agreement as to what concerns us here, so we recommend to you to do the same on your part and allow all for dead stock the Indenture mentions, but no more, we being much concerned to see our remains render us their utmost value and shall esteem all our ser[vts :] in India accordingly.

9. As to the Debts standing out in y[e]: Country, you must be equally carefull in getting them in on the best Terms you can and amongst them M[r]: Woolstons must by no means be forgott althô he has been protected at Metchlepatam.

10. Our Revenues must be also applyed to the benefitt of the United Trade from the 22th: July last. But you must take[care] that all Arrears due to that time be brought to Our Acco[t]: That [y[e]:] Charges of the Twelve hundred Pagotha's a year, payable for Madras Piscashes to the Govern[rs]: of the Country on Acco[t]: [of] Revenues or our holding the Townes, The Sallarys or Wages due to the Souldiers and other Military and Garrison Officers, all charges allowed or born by us on Acco[t]: of Persons Employ'd in Collecting the Revenues; The Persons belonging to y[e]: shipping: The Charges of the shipping and small Vessells and all other matters and Charges whatsoever belonging to or arising on Acc[t]: of the Dead stock conveyed as aforesaid are to be placed to [the] Acco[t]: of the United Trade from the said 22th: July, of which we doubt not, but you are good Judges and will take care to Comply according to the true meaning of the said Indentures that thereby we may not suffer in any matter or thing whatsoever.

11. Whatsoever Navall or Garison, Stores of ffactors Provissions are remaining with you, which were Invoiced to be made use of an Acco[t]: of the shipping ffort or ffactory and so used are to be reckoned among the Dead Stock, but not anything of those speci[ally] Invoiced to you as Merchandizes, all such being plainly excepted out of the Dead stock, unless you should have applyed any of them to that Purpose, which we expect and believe you have been better husbands than to have done.

12. If you should chance to have any of Our Europe shipping which you and their Charterpartyes allow or the Captains are willing that they stay in the Country, you may keep them till y[e]: next Season if you can by letting them out on ffreight or otherwise employing them again as much as will earn their Demorage, because by that means we shall have their Earnings in y[e]: Country & only pay their Demorage on their return hither.

13. As to the supplyes sent to Bencoolen, whatsoever thereof was for Garison, Buildings, or other matters relating to the said Dead Stock and sent after the said 22th: July, you must give us Credit and Debit the United Trade for the amount thereof. But we only are to be concerned as to the Quick Stock sent thither; we have on the Consideration of what you write of the Chargeableness of that Place to you on Acco[t]: of souldiers &c[a]: sent thither, consented that Sumatra should be dependant only on us here and so the Court of Mannagers nôw order by the Anna & Queen bound out thither. But if for the better furnishing them you should see fitt at their desire to send any Painted Callicoes or other proper Goods to enable them to pay off their Arrears which to our

wonder they intimate in the Letter rec^d^: from you to be considerable, you may do soe because we would suppose those goods by the profit on their sale are better than money. But as to any more supplies of small Vessells or Provissions or anything else that is Dead Stock, we are eased of that Charge on Our separate Acco^ts^: The United Management must bear it and provide it too.

14. We hinted to you before our desire and earnest recomendation to turn all Our Goods and Merchandizes & everything else appertaining to us, not included under Dead Stock, into Mony or Moneys worth, which with our Money, we would have you Invest of the Numbers in such goods as you see most for our advantage according to the Rates they sold for at Our Candle, as you will see by the Book of sales herewith sent.

15. M^rs^: Mary Coote, the Mother of M^r^: William Coote, late Chirurgion of Tryamong deceased, has represented to us That Capt: Richard Phripp did on the 29th: January 170$\frac{0}{1}$ Prove y^e^: said Coots Will at the Admiralty Court at ffort S^t^: George: That Pursuant to the Powers given him by the Will he had receivd of M^r^: Cootes Estate One thousand three hundred Eighty Six Pag^s^: & twenty two fanams, as M^r^: Thomas Wright advised her by his Letter dated 6th: September 1701: That y^e^: whole of her sons Estate, except y^e^: Legacyes, was by the Will given to her & her Children & ordered to be sent home to M^r^: Rich^d^: Harrison for her own & her Childrens benefitt, w^ch^: was never done and M^rs^: Coote desiring that wee would receive of Capt: Phripp or any others y^e^: Ballance of the said M^r^: Cootes Estate we hereby order you so to do as soon as you can and Draw Bills on Us for the Value of what you so receive at nine shillings a Pagotha payable to the said M^rs^: Mary Coote, which we will pay accordingly.

16. We wrote you last year about M^r^: Oglethorp to recommend him to your favour and to bring him up to y^e^: Knowledge of the China Trade: we hereby Confirm the same and further recom̃end him to you to advance him in Our service as he shall be found to deserve.

17. We sent over M^r^: W^m^: Warr by the Dutchess as a ffactor and would have you preferr him according to his Merits.

18. The Order from y^e^: Adm^ty^: for the speedy departure of y^e^: Men of Warr now in y^e^: Downes, makes us close up this Letter as it is because Our Ships who are now there may not loose y^e^: opportunity; what more remains shall be added in an after Letter if we have time. Wee are

Yours Loving friends
JOHN FFLEET, *Govr*:
CHARLES DU BOIS.
JONATHAN ANDREWS.
NATH: HERNE.
FREDERICK HERNE.
ARTH. MOORE.
W^M^: [HEVER]
THO: COULSON.
JAMES CRAGGS.
W^M^: PRICHARD.
THO: RAWLINSON.
SAM: DASHWOOD.
THO: COOKE.
JAMES BULL.
PETER JOYE.
JAMES GRAY.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH 9, 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK, DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 3—18.]

ORDERS & INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE [COURT] OF MANAGERS TO THO^S: PITT ESQ^R: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNO^R: M^R: GABRIEL ROBERTS M^R: FFRANCIS ELLIS M^R: W^M: FFRAZIER M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: THO^S: MARSHALL AND M^R: DAN^L: DUBO[IS] OF COUNCIL AT FFORT S^T: GEORGE FOR Y^E: UNITED TRADE TO THE EAST INDIES.

Wee the Mannagers for the United Trade to the East Indies did by our Letter of the 31st: July last by the ships bound to Surrat advise to the Factoryes of each Company, That the Union between both Companyes was perfected, And the 24th: September by the same Ships we wrote again directed as before, Copyes whereof go here enclosed. Since which we have made an Entrance upon the United Trade, But both Companyes haveing so large Estates abroad, and considering the War & scarcity of bullion here, we have not thought fit to export largely this year, thô hereafter we intend to drive the Trade to the full: And therefore this season we have freighted for the Bay onely the Dutchess, and for the Coast and Bay the Tavistock, and they chiefly to bring home Saltpetre for the service of the Government &c^a: Viz^t: The Dutchess let for Four Hundred and [Seventy] Tons, but to bring home four hundred & seaventy Tons, to be half [lo]aden with it, and the Tavistock to bring home Six Hundred Tons, if so much be procurable and 200 Tons in other goods and we have agreed the Freight accordingly: Viz^t: For the Dutchess thirty Pounds ℔ Ton for the Bale Goods, and twenty two Pounds ℔ Ton for the Petre above the ships Kintlage, and the Tavistock to [the] Twenty six Pounds ℔ Ton round.

2. This goes by the Tavistock, and being now upon a new [. . .] [estab] lishment, It will be expected, That we give particular [. . .] Mannagement of our Ne [. . .] irs. Wherefore [. . .] it happens, that your Votes are equally divided [. . .] ned by Lot, as we by our Charter are directed in [. . .].

3. Particularly we direct, That all Contracts for [. . .] be made in Councill, and not privately, or in any other [. . .] the same be duely entred in your Consultation Book [. . .] of Cash be one a month at least read, past & signed [. . .] things be duely entred in the Bookes, and that they [. . .] to time, so as not to be a Week behind hand unposted, [. . .] whatever, and if any one is dilatory, or negligent in [. . .] to him, or sick, That the rest take care however to [see] [. . .] things may be transacted according to our Direction.

4. We expect from You, and doubt not but you will [. . .] respects to the Interest of this New United Trade, And as [. . .] of the Affairs of the Old or New Company be pre [. . .] United Trade, So you are to have an especiall reggard [. . .] does not suffer from any Demands on either [Company . . .] will discharge Yourselves with care & fidelity.

5. Our Letters directed to you, we order [. . .] which may be immediately summoned for [. . .] all things carefully to observe such Orders, [. . .] or shall hereafter from time to time be transmit[ted] of thirteen or more of the Court of Mannagers; [. . .] care, That all others in their severall places do [. . .] same, And in the Mannagement of all our Affairs & disposition of all our Merchants, Factors, [. . .] Civil & Military under your Care, you are to [. . .] [unpar] tially, according to our Directions, without [. . .] on account of any private or particular [. . .] from any whomsoever [. . .].

6. We doubt not but on receipt of our [. . .] for the English Company trading to the East Indies, in trust for the [. . .] Trade, the Lawyers having been of Opinion, That according to the Act of Parliament, The Trade be driven in that Name, as you will see more [. . .] in the Deed of Union, herewith

sent you, And take speciall care, That Effects and Accompts of Each Company be kept intirely apart, that [they] be not in any manner mixed or blended together.

7. You are to hold Consultations once a Week at least, and oftner [if] our Affairs shall require, and to take care, That the Secretary do [draw] & truly enter all things in the Booke of Consultations & that the [same] be signed by the Councill, a Copy whereof is every year to be transm[itted] to us.

8 We have loaden in this ship Tavistock for the Fort one hundred [and] fourteen Bales of Cloth, and would have you by all means study to [pro]mote the vend of our Woollen & other Manufactury, as much as possible we being obliged, as you will see by the Charter, to export yearly [. . . .] tenth part in the Product & Manufacture of England, Wherefore advise Us yearly, what quantityes & sorts of Goods we shall send, and tho [there] be more trouble to Us here, in purchasing them, then Bullion, and [. . . .] to you in putting them off, Yet we would not omit sending them, altho they should produce no more than Bullion, because of the advantages which the Expence of our own Manufacture brings to this Nation. Besides the Cloth, we send you Gold and Silver, the whole as ℘ the enclosed Bill of Lading and Invoice, amount to £ 31,250 : 19 : 11 ; of which we would have you send Down to the Bay, by the first opportunity, the value of Ten Thousand Pounds in silver, and if you cannot get so much silver, make it up in Gold, and consign the same to Mr: Halsey, Mr: Robert Hedges, Mr: Jonathan White, Mr: Jonathan [Wen] [. . . .] Mr: Ralph Sheldon, Mr: Robert Nightingale, Mr: John Russell, and Mr: Benjamin Boucher, whom we have for the present establish [. . .] Councill, for the mannagement [. . . .] affairs there, and have order [. . . .] them, to send you [. . . .] quantity of Sale [. . . .] now written them, and ordered them, to give Us an Account from time to time what they want, and to send Duplicates to You, to be transmitted Us all opportunityes, and in the mean time, we would have you furnish them with what you find necessary, and particularly with a sloop, or two about thirty Tons, if they are not already supplyed therewith.

9. Our intention is, to have a ship go once a year, from the Coast [to] Bencoolen, with Goods proper for that place, as also with Saltpetre, Redwood, and thence to load for England, But of this more hereafter.

10. We do not judge it for our advantage, to have any Pepper [loaded] home from the Coast or Bay, expecting to have sufficient quantity [from] Bencoolen and Borneo, and therefore we direct, that you send us [none of] that Commodity

11. We send you by this ship such Stores, as we judge you may [want] according to the Particulars enclosed, and you must advise Us what [further] is necessary, and take care to use all manner of good husbandry, that [the] Charge may not swallow up our Profit, we are also endeavouring to [get] some Souldiers to send you. You have herewith a Memoriall of the Investment we design to have made this year, and we must desire you'll consult very well together, how to put our Business into the best [method] that is possible, for the purchasing good & cheap Goods, not onely this [season] but in all time to come, for now that there will be but one Buyer for [. . . .] there is no doubt, but you may bring the People, to take the former [price] at which Goods were sold, before the Contest between the two Companys and to see that everything be very good in its kind, and in order to [make] your endeavours therein more effectuall, We have found it necessary, [to] restrain the Commanders & Officers to particular Commodityes, [which] will not interfere with our Generall Trade, according to the print[ed] Indulgence herewith sent you, And you are not to fail, to give Us [an] Accompt, if you find any transgression thereof, in any point.

12. Advise Us your thoughts particularly, about the best [manner of disposing [of] Goods, and of contracting for, or providing [the] Goods [. . . .] England, that if any abuse be in either, [. . . .] be introduced for one, or the [other . .] opportunityes and write us your Observations thereon and parti[cularly] we recommend to You, the buying in of Goods in ye: best season [as a] great means to carry on the Trade to Our most advantage.

13. Keep Us advised likewise of all matters relating to Trade in both of our own & forreign Nations, which fall under your [cog]nizance or Observation that we may thereby as near as [we can]compute the quantityes and qualities of the Severall sorts of Goods [yearly] brought into Europe not omitting to inform us of all things and wherein you judge our Interest may be most prom[oted].

14. We hope the next Letters from you will bring us an [account] of your being freed from the Insults of the Moors and [that the] Comp^as^: being united, will tend to the strengthening the English Interest in the Mogulls Countrey, so as not to fear any[thing] from their Power or the subtle contrivances of any other [European] Nation In order to which we have obtain'd from Her Majesty the grant of some Men of Warr that will be ready to sail w^th^: [. . .] Suratt Ships next month.

15. We have given liberty to severall to settle as ffree [Merchants] at y^e^: ffort under certain Regulacôns Copy of which we inte[nd] you by this ship, in whom they will take their Passage.

16. You are to take care to get in, & preserve y^e^: Estates of such [as] dye in Our Service within y^e^: Precincts of yor: Presidency and [if] any dye intestate you are to take charge of their Estates keeping an Exact Acco^t^: thereof in y^e^: Comp^as^: Books, and transmitt an Inventory and an Acco^t^: of the same to us to be delivered to the Intestates Relations, and send home with y^e^: very first an Acco^t^: of y^e^: produce thereof when paid into our Cash that we may speedily make it good to their Relations that no Complaint may be made for want thereof.

17. All possible care is to the taken, to prevent any Men leaving Our ships or entering into y^e^: service of any Prince in those Countreys, in regard when they are once entered it is difficult for them to get off and thereby they become lost as to y^e^: Nation.

18. When you shall make any Contract for any goods (which is alwayes to be done in Councill) the following Rules are to be observed.

First that two Pieces be taken for Musters of every [. . .] of goods contracted for and [. . .] y^e^: same be sealed [. . .] seal, and lett one [. . .] so sealed [. . .] with [. . .] that all our Cloth may be bought & Invoiced to Us by y^e^: Number of threads thô troublesome.

Secondly That when the Callicoes, that brought into y^e^: Comp^as^: Warehouses are to be passed, according to Contract and Musters there be at least two of y^e^: Council present whereof the Warehousekeeper to be one, to see that they be according to Samples, and that under their hands a Return be made to ye Book-keeper, for his Justification in entering the same and if the Goods do not come up to the Muster you are to refuse them unless you can have a Proportionable abatement w^ch^: you must mention in the Invoice by that means to do us Justice and discourage them from attempting to impose upon you.

Thirdly you are also to take care That our Callicoes and all other goods be carefully pack'd and particularly that all in a Bale be of one Sort and as near of a goodness as is possible and that he that Packs them puts in a Ticket w^th^: his name subscribed.

19. You are to pay all Sallaryes in India valuing y^e^: Pagotha at Nine Shillings, unless to such as desire the same, or any part in England for which you may give Bills on y^e^: Comp^a^:

20. If any should offer to pay you any Mony in India, you may receive it and draw Bills on the Court of Managers for the same at Nine Shillings a Pagotha.

21. We possitively enjoyn you That none of Our servants trade with, or make use of any of y^e^: Comp^as^: mony or Goods upon any Acco^t^: whatsoever but only for Acco^t^: of y^e^: Company.

22. We have freighted the Northumberland 250 tons Cap^tn^: Saml: Hide Comander, with a Cargo of about 16,000 lbs: for Chusan in China, and thence to y^e^:

Bay and the Sidney 450 tons Cap^n: Jno: Cradock Comander with a Cargo of about 20000 lbs: for Canton, and thence to return to you, with Gold, Copper, Tootenage and other Comodityes proper for your Market, The supra Cargo's who goe upon the said Ship Sydney or M^r: Charles Douglas M^r: Lewis Shirley and M^r: John Brodrepp an abstract of whose Covenants and Instructions go enclos'd whereby you will be enabled to examine their Negotiations and see [. .]: Complyed with their said Covenants [. . .] also deliver you Copy of y^e: Ships [. . .] in Salt Petre, nor more goods in the whole then 436 tons a half. The Petre we have ordered our Council in y^e: Bay provide and send up to you so write to them to send it in time, and we would have you get the rest of her Loading in readiness against she arrives to the end she may be dispatcht home that season, and thereby save us the dem[orage which] wee must otherwise pay, if detain'd in y^e: Country.

23. You are upon her arrival to examine and advise us whether the ship has brought her full Charterparty [Tonnage] and the Supra Cargo's Comander etc^a., : no more than is allowed them, and according to y^e: Indulgence granted [to] us, Or wherein there have been deficiencies or transgression on Acco^t: of any of them; and if any of y^e: Supra Cargo's are willing tō pay in the Money arising on their Commission [on] private adventures or any part thereof into Our Cash, [you] may give them Bills of Exchange for the Value at Nine shillings a Pagotha payable here, with an advance of [thirty] ₱ Cent Sixty dayes after the arrival of such of our ships [in] the River of Thames as by a Declaration in writing deliv[ered] you, they desire to run the Risco on.

24. We have given Liberty to M^r: Robert Wright son of the present Lord Keeper to take his Passage in the said Ship Sidney and to return to ffort S^t: George and there reside as a ffree Merchant, and have allowed him to carry an Adventure not exceeding Two thousand Pounds for his own Acco^t: to be returned from China in Gold, for which he is to pay you upon its return five ₱Cent.

25. We hereby give our Servants abroad and all free Merchants and Inhabitants allowance to trade in the Country thereby to encourage the honest endeavours of all such who do live under our Protection, Wherefore we recommend to you and [all] in authority under you on y^e: Coast of Choromandell That you give Encouragement to all our ffactors and Servants [as] well as ffree Merchants, and all other [. . .] improve their Private [. . .] allowed by us [. . .] Provided [. . .] in any manner of way, and we do require you to advise from time to time of the behaviour of all our Servants that we may be the better able to distinguish the diligent active honest, from the slothfull and negligent, in order to regard them accordingly; This our order for Liberty of Trade we require you to publish and that it be equall to all upon pay[ing] the usuall Customs setled to be paid us and no other with [out] any preference or pre-emption of Bullion or any other Como[dity] whatsoever by any Person or Persons whatsoever.

26. We understand that upwards of Twenty years ago y^e: [trade] of Pegu was diverted from Metchlepatam to y^e: ffort, by the Oppressions the Merchants lay under from y^e: Moore[s] Government and the case they promised themselves [. . .] the ffort by y^e: Agreement with the Old Comp: as then Ag [. . .] which seems most adapted to that trade it being improper to expose Rubyes and other Jewells to sight upon Col[lecting] the Custom, least designing People make advanta[ge] thereof from the quantity or otherwise to y^e: prejudice of their Sale which the receiving a broakage instead of Custome as we understand it is at present has & will effectually prevent wee being apprehensive the contrary may give the ffarmers liberty or a temptation to oppress [the] Importers to the destruction of such a Considerable branch of the trade of that Place.

27. We apprehend that the Dealing with y^e: Joynt Stock Merchants only is not so proper for our purpose and advantage as dealing with all sorts of People that will sell goods to you the trusting our Money being not without hazard,

besides that they are able to impose upon you in the Price of Commodities they undertake to provide, wherefore we would not have you deliver [. . .] others any of our Money, but buy goods [. . .] that will bring them to you for your [. . rea]sonable term[es] This method you [. . .] small [. . .] our main design being to encourage all mankind to bring Goods to you, that you may find out the Cheapest Seller.

28. Wee find that in Case of any accident the stopping of yor: [. . .] is of great damage to the poorer Sort, wee have been told [that] the planting of Timber at a due distance so as it be clear [. . .] sheltring an Enemy may be usefull, but of this you are [the best] judges, only this we would have duly regarded that you alwayes have a full supply of fuel to prevent y^{e}: inconveni[ence] that may attend the stop of it upon any dispute with [the] Natives or Governours.

29. If either Company have any goods to load for their separate Acco^{ts}: and have no ship of their own on y^{e}: Coast wee direct you to permitt them to load the same aboard this ship or so much thereof as can be done without prejudice to the United Trade, and to lett them have Bill of loading on the terms of the Charter-party.

30. We come now to acquaint you That we have unanimously chosen you Thomas Pitt Esqr: to be President and Govern^{r}: of ffort S^{t}: George and station'd and settled the Councils at ffort S^{t}: George [and ffort] S^{t}: Davids on the Coast in the manner following Viz^{t}:

At ffort S^{t}: George.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President and Govern^{r}: of ffort S^{t}: George at the Sallary of Two hundred pounds a year and One hundred pounds gratuity.

M^{r}: Gabriel Roberts second of Council at One hundred Pounds a Year Sallary and One hundred Pounds a Year Gratuity.

M^{r}: ffrancis Ellis Third of Council at y^{e}: Sallary of Seventy pounds ℔ Annum and Thirty pounds a Year Gratuity.

M^{r}: W^{m}: ffrazier ffourth of Council at the Sallary of ffifty Pounds ℔ Annum.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright ffifth of Council at the Sallary of fforty Pounds ℔ Annum.

M^{r}: Thomas Marshall Sixth of Council at y^{e}: Sallary of fforty Pounds ℔ Annum: And Judge Advocate at y^{e}: Salary of One hundred Pounds a Year.

M^{r}: Daniel Du[Bois seventh of]Council at the [salary of] fforty Pounds [a year].

At [ffort S^{t}: Davids.]

[. . . .]

M^{r}: Mathew Empson second at the Sallary of ffifty pounds ℔ Annum.

M^{r}: Edm^{d}: Mountague Third at the sallary of fforty Pounds ℔ Annum..

M^{r}: Vicessimus Griffeth ffourth at y^{e}: Sallary of fforty pounds ℔ Annum.

M^{r}. Ralph Ingram ffifth at the sallary of fforty pounds ℔ Annum.

M^{r}: John Berlue Sixth at the Sallary of fforty pounds ℔ Annum.

M^{r}: Trevor Games Seventh at y^{e}: Sallary of fforty pounds ℔ Annum.

And that the Councils of Each Place from time to time consist of Seaven Persons, and be supplyed by the next in station at each Place.

31. We have in respect to M^{r}: John Pitt as he was President for the New Comp^{a}: and has been a Publick Minister constituted him Govr: of ffort S^{t}: Davids and have left and do hereby leave to him and the Council there or the Majority of them according to the method before prescribed to have the entire Government of that Place and all the Dependancyes thereon to appoint the severall Persons of Council their particular Employments, and to make use of such of y^{e}: Old Companeys Serv^{ts}: there, and such of the New Comp^{as}: now with him at Metchlepatam, and to put them in such Stations as he and y^{e}: Council find them most capable and deserving of taking care to employ an equall Number of Each.

32. But in regard we shall alwayes make our Consignments to ffort St: George and that all our Settlements on the Coast are subordinate thereto we would have Mr: Pitt & ye: Council at ffort St: Davids under the Direction of the President & Council at Madrass as to Investments, we could not at this distance judge what part of Our Cargo's should be apportion'd to Each Place and therefore have not determin'd anything thereon leaving that to ye: President and Council at the ffort St: George who are on the Place to Invest such a Part at Madrass and send down such a Part to St: Davids as they think most convenient for our Interest That the Investments be good in their kind as Cheap bought as may be and as expeditiously finished as possible to give Our Ships an early dispatch for Europe to secure their Summer Voyage and ease us of [alw]ayes an eating [charge.]

33. Ffort St: Davids [. . .] But in all other matters whatsoever We will during Mr: John Pitts continuance there have it independent for the reasons abovesaid, and afterwards it is to return to the subordination to ffort St: George according to the Ancient and usuall custom & method practised by the Old Company.

34. In case of President Thomas Pitts Death which God forbid Or that his Private Affairs call him home, Wee hereby appoint Mr: John Pitt to succeed him.

35. All other Our ffactory's and settlements on the Coast, We hereby order to be wholly subordinate to ffort St: George.

36. We have likewise agreed That in regard the New Compas: Writers were entertain'd here under covenants at Twenty Pounds a Year Sallary they shall have that Sallary allowed them to the Expiration of their Covenanted time for such of them as are employ'd on the service of the United Company, after which we resolve That all Persons entertain'd on Accot: of the United Trade be allowed only [the] sallary's given by the Old Company in the severall stations wherein they are employed.

37. We hereby direct that Mr: Robert Raworth be admitted to the Station and Sallary of a Merchant, and that he be removed to ffort St: George there to be employ'd in such matters as the President and Council think fitt and that Mr: Thomas Cooke be continued at the ffort in Our Service who was sent out the last Year a Writer on the Colchester.

38. We have as before mentioned Elected only our two Councils and left the Employment of all Persons at ffort St: Davids and the Places depending thereon to ye: New Governour and Council there We hereby also direct That You our President and Council at ye: ffort appoint Each of the Council his particular business & Employment and Elect and Employ such other of the Servants of [the] Old and New Compa: at ffort St: George and elsewhere [. . .] and in such [. .] You shall find [. . .] for and [. . .] Companyes Servants are but few in Comparison of the Old and that Mr: John Pitts (sic) has liberty to take with him as many from Metchlepatam to ffort St: Davids as he has occasion for. We desire there may be a Provision made for the rest either at ye: ffort or other the ffactoryes on ye: Coast and for such of them as you do employ we would have them station'd according to their Entertainments and standings in India equall with those of ye: Old Compa: respect being had on both sides to the honesty ability and dilligence of the Persons.

39. We had thoughts of withdrawing Vizagapatam Madapollam and both Companyes ffactoryes at Metchlepatam and all other our Settlements on the Coast except ffort St: George and St: Davids or at least keeping only a ffactor or two and a Writer or two at Each Place, but we have not fully determined anything therein at present in the meantime do you give us your thoughts thereupon & what is in your Opinion best to be done therein so as to gett us full Investments and retrench our charge as far as you are able. The Ministers and Surgeon at ffort St: George are to continue there and also wee hereby order that Mr: John Landen Minister at Metchlepatam and Mr: Michael Gray Surgeon remove with Mr: John Pitt to ffort St: Davids also Richd: Cox the Trumpeter & Souldiers If Mr: Pitt think fitt.

40. You are also to take notice that yᵉ: Additional Sallarys to Mʳ: Pitt the Governʳ: of ffort Sᵗ: Davids, To Mʳ: Roberts and Mʳ: Ellis as second & third of ffort Sᵗ: George are not to be continued to any others that may succeed in those stations Wee being willing for the satisfaction of both Companyes to fix them so now for the Persons & not the Stations Sake.

41. [Mauritius being] an indefens[ible] Place & hazardous [. . .] there in this [. . .] about the Cape and thereby be necessitated to put back for [the] said Island Mauritius This we take to be of great moment and therefore you are to omit no Endeavours to comply with this our order.

42. My Lady Oglethorp sends to her Sonne Mʳ: Theoph[ilus] Oglethorp at yᵉ: ffort a small Chest containing Two hundred pounds value in pˢ: of $\frac{8}{8}$ marked T. O. N°: 1 and another Chest marked T. O. N°: 2 contᵃ: necessarys. The Receipts for them are not yet come back from yᵉ: Tavistock, and for fear they should not [have?] time enough to enclose in the Packett we send this notice that the President may give order to receive them from the Ship and deliver them as designed.

43. Wee expect that all whom we have chosen or That shall be Employed in Our Service do give the usuall Security [as] it is already done for Mʳ: Tho: Pitt Mʳ: John Pitt & Mʳ: Roberts and you are to require the rest to write Over to England to provide Security to be entered into here for them, Wee are,

Yoʳ: loving friends.
Geo: Dobington.
John ffleet.
Tho: Cooke.
Jonathan Andrewes.
Edm: Harrison.
R. Gough.
Gilbert Heathcote.
Nath: Herne.
Sam: Shepheard.
Robᵗ: Raworth.
Sam: Dashwood.
Josʰ: Martin.
Tho: Vernon.
Charles du Bois.
Theod: Janssen.
Rᵗ: Acton.
Samˡ: [Eyles].
Nath: Gould.
Henry Furnese.
Tho: Coulson.
James Craggs.

London, the 9ᵗʰ: March [1703.]

Letter from the Company to John Pitt. London, March 9, 1703. Received per Tavistock, December 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 39—42]

London, the 9ᵗʰ. March [1703.]

Mʳ: John Pitt.

Sʳ:

Upon the recommendation of the Directors of the New Company, We have unanimously chosen You, to be Governour of Fort Sᵗ: Davids, with the same Allowance of Two hundred Pounds ℘ Annum, as you had from the New Company, altho because the fixed Salary of that place, is but one hundred Pounds ℘ Annum, we have called it one hundred Pounds ℘ Annum Salary, and

one hundred Pounds Gratuity, which however is agreed to be continued to You during your stay there, Which we hope will be to your satisfaction, And that You will have soon finished your Affairs at Metchlepatam, to come to Fort St: Davids, And take upon You the Charge thereof, in such manner, as we have directed in our Generall Letter, to our President & Councill at Fort St: George Copy of which we send enclosed, and you are to observe, & pursue all the generall Directions therein, as if particularly mentioned herein, And we doubt not, but You will exert yourself in all respects, for the Service of the United Trade, which we intend to inlarge considerably next Season. In case of the death of President Pitt, or that his Private Affairs call him home, We appoint You to succeed to the Government of Fort St: George. Wee are,

Your loving Friends,

GEO: DODINGTON.
JOHN FFLEET.
THO: COOKE.
JONATHAN ANDREWES.
EDM: HARRISON.
R: GOUGH.
GEO: HEATHCOTE.
[NATH] HERNE.
THO: FREDERICK.
JOSH: MARTIN.
WM: HEWER.
THO: VERNON.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
THEOD: JANSSEN.
SAML: [EYLES]
THO: COULSON.
JAMES CRAGGS.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST: GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH 19, 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK, DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 94–97 (*Duplicate at pp.* 142–145.)]

LONDON, 19TH: MARCH [1703.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

The contrary winds still keeping our Ships in the Downes gives us an opportunity to acquaint you That we have the newes of our ships Martha and Herne being arrivd at Barbadoes the 27th: of December last and were there the 13th: January when the Packett boat came away Capt: Raines dyed some months before, with them came into that place the Rook Galley and China Merchant from Suratt and the Rising Sun from the Coast belonging to the new Company and the Scipio a seperate stock ship from Suratt on which ship Sr: Wm: Norris the late Embassador embarked himselfe & dyed some few dayes after he left the Mauritius; most of these ships came away from the Mauritius the beginning of September & from St: Helena in November as we suppose because they arrived there the 8th: of that month we have noe other account from them.

Our sale is newly begun the Stick Lack by the Josia was put up at 40s a hundred & would not sell The Shellack by her & the Sidney sold, but from 5£: 01s: 00d to 6£: 3s: 0d Except one Lott which yielded 6£: 10s: The cotch by the Josia sold but at 29s: a hundred The Nux Vomica by her at 52s a hundred The [Cakelack] at 50s: 6d a hundred, the Long Pepper by the Sidney was put

up at 30ˢ & would not sell that by the Josia sold at 31ˢ : 6ᵈ a e & yet some by the Dashwood sold at 5£ : 8ˢ. a ϴ because it was fresh & good. The Tincall by the Sidney & Josia was put up at 15£ a ϴ & only two Lotts sold at the bare advance. The Cowries by that ship sold at 7£ : 5ˢ : to 7£ : 10ˢ a ϴ. The Red Saunders by the Sidney Dutchess & Josia put up about 80 Tons at 40ˢ a ϴ & 14 Tons of Japan wood put up at 30ˢ. a ϴ & not a Lott sold.

This we think fitt to advise you & would have you send downe to the Bay for their Information. Wee are,

Your very loving ffriends.
JOHN FFLEET, [*Govʳ* :]
JAMES GRAY.
ARTH : [MOORE.]
THO : COULSON.
JAMES CRAGGS.
SAM : DASHWOOD.
NATH : HERNE.
FREDERICK HERNE.
THO : RAWLINSON.
JAMES BULL.

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DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT Sᵀ : GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH, 23 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK, DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 98–105.]

LONDON, THE 23ᴰ : MARCH [1703.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT Sᵗ : GEORGE.

Wee advised you on yᵉ : 19ᵗʰ : instant That our sale was begun and how yᵉ : Goods sold which come from yᵉ : Coast & Bay : we are now to add That yᵉ : Gurrahs by the Sidney were put up at 16ˢ : and sold at 2ᵈ : & 4ᵈ advance about one third of them, the rest would not go off. The Romalls sold from 11ˢ to 16ˢ : 6ᵈ a peice according to their different Goodness. The Sooseys were put up at 40ˢ and not half sold at 6ᵈ to [ ] advance. The Chuckleys sold at 25ˢ to 27ˢ The Chowkareas put up at 18ᵈ Would not sell nor the Chenachurrees at 25ˢ nor yᵉ : Atlass Cuttannees which were put up at 22ˢ to 32ˢ according to their sorts some of yᵉ : Herba Longees sold at yᵉ : Bare advance being put up at 9ˢ : & others at 10ˢ : The Elatches were put up at 9ˢ : shillings & sold at 1 advance, the others at 32ˢ : and went off at little more than yᵉ : advance. The Phooleys put put up at 30ˢ : & 28ˢ : and would not sell. The Pegues put up at 12ˢ : advanc'd only 2ᵈ : and some 4ᵈ : a piece. The Taffaties plain sold one with another at 40ˢ : the Taffaties Raw would not go off at 18ˢ : The Herba Taffaties sold some at 12ˢ : 2ᵈ : and [others] would not go off at 12ˢ : Cherodaries & Peniascoes would not vend at 16ˢ. The Nillaes were sold from 14ˢ : 8ᵈ : to 15ˢ : 8ᵈ. The Ginghams coloured were put up at 12ˢ : & [13ˢ] and only one Lot sold. The Neckcloths by the Josia sold one with another at near 40ˢ : a piece. The Humhums only three Lotts sold at yᵉ : Bare advance, one at 47ˢ, the other at 36ˢ & 6ᵈ. The third at 30ˢ : 6ᵈ : The Dimities sold at 33ˢ : 6ᵈ : and one lott at 36ˢ : 6ᵈ. The Caum-connaes sold the best sort at 22ˢ : 4ᵈ : to 23, the other at 12ˢ : 4ᵈ : The Luckhowries at 10ˢ : 6ᵈ : to 8ᵈ. The Baftaes at 16ˢ : to 16ˢ : [ ] the other sold at 22ˢ : to 22ˢ : 6ᵈ. The Tamwars Gold and Silver would not sell one piece at 4£. The Silk Flowers ditto sold at 54ˢ : to 55ˢ. The Pallampores sold at 10ˢ : 2ᵈ : and one Lott at 11ˢ : [ ] The Allabannies from 25ˢ : 6ᵈ : to 26ˢ : 6ᵈ. The Chints put up at 14ˢ : by the Anna would not sell.

BY THE DUTCHESS.

The Longcloth fine M. 2. & P. 2. put up at 60^{s}: would not sell: P. 3, sold at 56^{s}: F.E. 1. & F at 59^{s}: and 58^{s}: 6^{d}: and half unsold Longcloth Brown sold at 36^{s}: 6^{d}: a Piece, Bettellees Gulcondah M. 2 & M. 3: put up at 35^{s}: near half unsold, the rest went off at bare advance, Dimitties put up at 45^{s} not a Piece sold, Ginghams small put up at 17^{s}: sold at 6^{d}: advance, Bettellees stript N^{o}: 25 sold at 79^{s}: being but one Lott, Ditto Plain put up at 3 sold at y^{e}: bare advance, Longcloth blew D D & E D put up at 24^{s}: sold at 6^{d}: to 18^{d}: advance, Romalls, Sacerguntees sold at 25^{s}, Saderuncheraes one Lott at 23^{s}, Goaconcherulaes would not sell at 18^{s}. The Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Sale we send for your guidance & would have you send a Copy hereof down to the Bay. We are

Your loving Friends

JOHN FFLEET, *Govr*.
ARTH: MOORE.
JAMES GRAY.
W^{M}: JOHNSON.
[B: URBAN] HALL.
THO: COOKE.
JAMES CRAGGS.
PETER JOYE.
FREDERICK HERNE.
THO: RAWLINSON.
NATH: HERNE.
DAN: DAVALL.
R. S. ACTON.
W : HEWER.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT S^{T}: GEORGE ₰ TAVISTOCK.

N. 1. The Companys Generall to the Fort Dated the 5th: March 1702.
2. Copy Comp^{as}: Generall to the Fort Dated the 6th: March 1701 ₰ Colchester.
3. Copy Comp^{as}: Generall to the Fort Dated the 13th: March 1701 ₰ Colchester.
4. Copy Comp^{as}: Generall to the Fort Dated the 4th: August 1702.
5. Quinquepartite Indenture printed bearing date 22^{d}: July 1702.
6. Deed of Union, Or Indenture Tripartite printed Dated 22^{d}: July 1702.
7. A Printed sale Booke of October 1702.
8. Copy Comp^{as}: Generall to the Fort Dated 14th: Febru^{ry}: 1701 ₰ ship Union.
9. Companys Packet to the Bay sent under a flying Seal for your Perusall.

LETTER FROM THE COMPANY'S SECRETARIES TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH 24, 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK, DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England*, *Vol.* 13, *pp.* 35–38.]

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

By order of the Court of Mannagers this comes to acquaint you that each Company have rec^{d}: Letters from Barbadoes dated in January last, advising that the ships Martha and Herne from Suratt belonging to the old Company The Rooke galley and China Merchant from the same place and the Rising Sun from the coast belonging to y^{e}: New Company and the Scipio a separate stock

ship were at that Island they came thither about ye: 27th: Decr: Capt: Raines of ye: Martha dyed about the 14th: September 8 days after the ship left the Mauritius and Sr: Wm: Norris the Embassador who came from Suratt in the Scipio dyed about 2 days after, The Reason they give for going to Barbadoes was That on a Consultation at St: Helena they finding no orders from England and hearing of the warr between England ffrance & Spain thought it most adviseable to proceed [there] in hope of a convoy, but none of them [. . .] sent any account of any affairs [. . .] We are,

Gentlemen,
Your very hum[le servants],
JOHN GA[RDNER].
THO: [WOOLLEY].

LONDON, THE 24TH: MARCH 1702-03.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, ℘ mo: APR: 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK DECEMBER 14, 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 13, pp. 23-30.*]

LONDON, APRIL 1, [1703.]

OUR GOVERNOR AND COUNCILL OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

Wee have seen a Letter from Mr: John Cokroft to Sr: John Chardin dated the 10th: Decr: last at Constantinople, giveing an Accot: of the Bassa of Juddas seizing the ship Diamond, wherein some of you as also severall others in the Bay are concerned, which Misfortune wee were very sorry to understand, & hope at Length Reparation may be obtained for it, but wee must acquaint you that Two Dayes since The Rt: Honble: The Earle of Nottingham her Majties: Principall Secretary of State sent for some of us to attend him and told us he heard that some of the persons concerned in the said ship intended to make Reprizalls upon the Turks, which wee were surprized to hear, because the doeing thereof without a Commission from her Majestie is a capital crime, and his Lordp: assured us whoever were concerned therein would suffer the Rigour of the Law, for that if thereupon any avenies[1] should be laid upon our Nation in Turkey, or any Breach wth: the Grand Signior ensue, It would raise mighty clamours here by the Turkey Merchants besides that it would highly Prejudice our Affairs, wch: will not in comon acceptation be distinguished from the concerns of our ffactors & Servts: & other English, wherefore wee expressly prohibit you & all our servts: concerned in the sd: ship, from once thinking of any such meanes of satisfaction, however on the other hand, wee shall use all our Interest to obtain her Majties: pressing Letter to the Grand Signior & Recommendations to her Ambassador at Constantinople for Redress as Mr: Cokroft desires by his Letter wch: is come into Sr: Stephen Evance's hands, who has made application to us for that purpose, & my Ld: Nottingham has assured those of us who waited on him that he will heartily & zelously espouse the matters.

Wee are
Yor: Lovg: friends
JOHN FFLEET.
THO: COOKE.
NATH: HERNE.
[ ].
GILBERT H[EATHCOTE].
EDM. HARRISON.
JONATHAN [ANDREWS].
JOSH: [MARTIN].
R. GOUGH.

1. Fr. *avanie*, Eng. *avania*. In common use in the Levant. It means an extortionate exaction or tax levied by the Turks:—*Oxford Dictionary*.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE ℘ THE TAVISTOCK THE 10 MAR. 1702-3.

Nº. 1. Genl: Letter of 9 Mar. 1702.
2. Copy of Letter of 31 July 1702.
3. Copy of Letter of 24 Septr: 1702.
4. Invoyce amot: to £ 51250: 19: 11.
5. Bill of Ladeing will come inclosed in a Blank Cover.
6. Orders for investment.
7. Copy of Charterparty.
8. Printed Deed of Union.
9. Conveyance of Dead Stock.
10. Abstract of Covenants with ye: Supra Cargoes of the Sydney.
11. Abstract of orders to the said Supra Cargoes.
12. Invoyce of Stores amot: to £ 1629: 8: 6.
13. Bill of Loading of ditto, will come in a Blank Cover.
14. Bill of Medicines.
15. The Companies Indulgence.
16. Account of Bullion belonging to private persons.
17. List of the Packett.

ORDERS FOR INVESTMENT OF A CARGO AT FORT ST: GEORGE FOR THE UNITED TRADE TO THE EAST INDIES.

Long Cloth Nº. 1, 2, 3, in proportion.
Sallampores Nº. 3, or such sorts.
Bettellees Nº. 25, 26, 28, 29.

Bettellees Oringall are very much in esteem here, but unless you can buy them much cheaper there is nothing got by them.

9 MAR. 1702.

LETTER FROM THE COMPANY'S SECRETARY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, APRIL 3, 1703. RECEIVED PER TAVISTOCK DECEMBER 14TH 1703. [*Public Despatches from England, vol.* 13, pp. 31—34.]

LONDON, 3 APR: 1703.

GENTN:

The ℘ mo: instant the Court of Managers wrote you that they would doe all they could to gett right done you & ye: rest concerned at the Ottoman Court, for the ships Diamond Seized at Judda & to that end they would endeavour to gett her Majties: Lettr: to the Grand Signior, & an effectuall recomendation to her Ambassadr: at the Port, Since which severall of the Gentn: have been to wait on my Ld: Nottingham, & have obtained the same, which will forthwith be sent away, which I am ordred to acquaint you, & am

Gentn:
Yor: Very humble Sert:
JOHN GARDNER.

Despatches from the Company, 1703-1704.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 6, 1704. RECEIVED PER MARTHA, JULY 28, 1704. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 43—46].

LONDON, YE: 6TH: JANUARY [1704.]

OUR GOVERNR: & COUNCILL AT FORT ST: GEORGE.
GENTLEMEN,

Wee wrote you the 9th: March & ℘mo: April last by our ship Tavistock & sent Duplicate by the Dutches bound to the Bay, whereof herewith goes Copys. The said Letters Carryed our Generall Instructions for the Management of the affairs of the United Trade which wee hereby Confirme, and have little to add thereunto except what relates to the Ships wee now send out untill wee shall receive Letters from you.

2. Wee send out this Yeare the following ships Vizt:

	Tons.	
Martha	550	for the ffort & Bay.
Neptune	275	
Scipio	350	for the Bay.
Loyall Cooke	330	for Amoy in China & the ffort.
Herne	350	for Amoy & the Bay.
Eaton	310	for Canton & Suratt.
Westmorland	340	for Suratt.
Kent	350	for Canton & England.
Donnegall	240	for Mocha & England.

And two ships for Bencoolen Vizt: the Loyall Mercht: 420 Tons & the Dover 180 Tons & two for Borneo to load Pepper Vizt: the Cæsar 380 Tons & the Featherstone 180 Tons.

3. This goes by the ship Neptune Captain John Lesley Comander wherein we have loaden for the United Accot: Cloth &ca: and Bullion as ℘ Inclosed Bill of Loading & Invoyce amount to Forty Seaven Thousand One hundred Thirty Nine Pounds Three shillings.

4. Wee send you copy of the Neptunes Charterparty for your Government you will see the ship Martha is obliged to take in Three hundred & fifty Tons of Salt Petre & the other ships are to load of the same Comodity Vizt: The Herne One hundred Seaventy five Tons This Ship Neptune One hundred Thirty Seven Tons & a half The Scipio Two hundred Tons & the [Loyall Cooke] One hundred Sixty five Tons which wee [. . .] your information because [. . .] to your [. . .].

5. Inclosed you have our Orders for investments to this yeare which we have reason to hope you will be able to purchase very cheap, now you will have no English Competitors and the whole East India Trade lyes under so many discouragements here & fears of New Additionall Dutyes that wee dare not yett send out any very considerable stock untill wee see that what wee have sent can be layd out so as to produce a tolerable proffitt.

6. The Old Compa: have communicated to us what you wrote them with relation to the Woolen Manufacture which has encouraged us to send you the Quantity by the Martha & Neptune as ℘ Invoyce wee observe your Reasons why it is not for our best Advantage to sell Cloth too Dear & do therefore leave the whole to your prudence to act as you see fitt in the disposall of it at such a Moderate Proffitt as may introduce its more Generall Consumption only desiring you will take Care of it while in the Warehouses to prevent Damage & that you will putt

it off as soon as you Conveniently can Especially at this time when Bullion is so Dear & Scarce and wee have no present prospect when it will be better send us every year large Samples of the Colours of all Woollen goods you Judge may end and what quantities and at what Prices each may sell.

7. They likewise Inform us you are about making a Platform before the Sea Gate of Six or Eight of your best Cannon to protect the road and annoy any Enemy that shall come thither which wee approve as wee shall do anything that is absolutely necessary for your security and in particular wee are well pleased that you have Encompast the Black Town with a good Brick Wall especially since the severall Casts are raising money to reimburse the Charge and finish the Works yett remaining to compleate the whole.

8. Wee have this year sent you Twenty Chests of red Wine four Chests of Sherry and Three Tons of strong beer in Caske for the expence of your Table which wee Judge will be sufficient for that Purpose and therefore you are to Charge nothing to the Comp^as: Acco^t: for Europe Liquors [. . .] of this, for that wee intend yearly to [. . .] Quantity and wee would have you [. . .] and send an Acco^t: of [. . .]

9. Wee have thought fitt and do hereby Order you to advance M^r: Anthony Ettrick to the Degree of a ffactor having taken Security from his friends.

10. Wee have promised y^e: Supra Cargo's of the Loyall Cooke That on their return from China they shall have liberty to reside at the ffactory and have the Priviledge of yor: Table from the time they arrive untill a ship Presents for their taking Passage for England which we would have you comply with.

11. Althô wee have wrote you last year and now our directions promiscuously and not under severall Generall heads yett for our and your better notice wee would have you continue y^e: method Practiced by y^e: Old Comp^a: to send all your future Advices under the following General heads.

FIRST concerning shipping gon out or returning.

SECONDLY concerning goods sent from Europe.

THIRDLY Touching Investments in India.

FOURTHLY Touching y^e: trade of India in Gen^ll. and therein any Transactions with the Country Governments.

FIFTHLY Touching our Fortifications and Revenues.

SIXTHLY Touching Factors and Writers Officers and Soldiers and their Accompts.

after which you may add any other matters not particularly applicable to these heads.

12. Wee shall write you more at large by the Martha and therefore conclude these Commending you to the divine Protection. Wee remaine,

Your loving ffriends,

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 10, 1704. RECEIVED PER MARTHA, JULY 28, 1704. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 134—141, 148—150.]

LONDON, THE 10TH: JANUARY [1704.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT S^T: GEORGE.

1. Our last to you was by the Tavestock of the 5th: Mar[ch] 1702 (with Additionall Letters of the 19th: and 23rd: D^o: Month) and Duplicate thereof sent Via Bengall by the Dutchess, copys whereof come enclosed. Wee did in those Letters write you so[far] with relation to the winding up our separate

concerns. That we have very little to say further on those matters and in [regard] the mannagement of the Merchantile and all other affairs now and hence forward will be under the care of the Court of Managers there will need a very short reply on that [Account] your Letters rec^{d}: by the Loyall Cooke, Hampshire & Phœnix from the 26th : Septem^{r}: 1702 to the 8th: February following.

2. The Goods formerly seized by the Dutch at Mallacca must not be forgotten or lost. We are glad you have wrote [the] General and Council at Batavia about them and must recom[mend] to you to slip no occasion of being very pressing with them for our satisfaction and if after all your endeavours [they] will not do us justice give us a full Acco^{t}: of the whole [state] of the Case Viz^{t}: what the sort and value of the goods [. . .] with copys of what you wrote and what answer is [returned] if any that we may apply to the Bewinthebbers [?] in [Holland] to have right done us.

3. The Granary you are about Building where the [. . .] Godownes stood is Dead stock and as such is by y^{e}. Indenture Quinquepartite conveyed to the United Comp^{a}: but in regard it was since the 22^{d}: July 1702 the charge of it must be [borne] by the said United Comp^{a}: and We reimbursed out of their stock for said charge the like reason holds in any other Cases of that nature and in regard it is our money there [that] pays it. We ought to be repaid in the same Place and [do not] at all doubt but you will take y^{e}: needfull care therein and not only with respect to Buildings but to the Wages [of] Officers and Soldiers, Chirurgeon, Collectors of y^{e}: Reven[ue] Officers of the Mint, Marines and any other [*one line lost*] as aforesaid that what has been so paid or Disburs'd be made Good to us in money again on the Place which we hope the Revenue will fully do and leave an Over-plus but if it should not the Effects of the United Comp^{a}: are to make up the deficiency very likely in Bengall they may have been at more charges on y^{e}: Acco^{t}: of the Dead stock than their Revenues will defray and perhaps so it may be at S^{t}: Davids or on the West Coast; if so advise every place of this our Intention That they send you a particular Acco^{t}: of such charge arising on Acco^{t}: of the Dead stock with them and [do] you Credit them for the Ballance as if they had sent you so much money and Debit y^{e}: United Comp^{a}: by taking the same out of the surplus of the Revenues if you have so much which bring to our Acco^{t}: and invest in Goods proper for Europe.

4. But if att all or any of those Places the charge of such Dead stock comes to more than the surplus of your revenues then advice them to make such charge good to us in money out of the Effects of y^{e}: United Comp^{a}:

5. Salt Petre at present bears so great a price and is like to continue so during y^{e}: War and there is so little likelihood of the War being quickly ended That we must desire you to part with none of the salt bought with our money to the United Comp^{a}: but send it home on our Acco^{t}: it being mutually agreed by both Comp^{as}: that the United Comp^{as}: shipping shall bring home any of either Comp^{as}: Effects that remain in India, if there be room to take them in; therefore send down Orders to Bengall suitable to our intentions in this paragraph that they equally observe y^{e}. conten[ts] thereof and if you have sent any of our Petre to Sumatra for Kintlage, let them have y^{e}: like notice If our Factors continue at Pattana We should be glad that a considerable part of our remaining effects where sent thither and Petre bought up therewith.

6. You advise us that Govern^{r}: Yales Attorny repaid the 30th: April 1702 into your Cash two hundred and fifteen Pagodas thirty ffannams because he had formerly charged a Bill on us for that sum on Acco^{t}: of Capt: Peddy and y^{e}: same was not [entered in the Books, But we] think the Interest for the money is as due as the principall and therefore ask you to recover it because We were all the while [. . .] money which is ever since the Year 1690.

7. We hope you will take care to make M^{r}: [. . .] repay the money you advice: he stands D^{r}: in ffort S^{t}: Da[vid] Books on Acco^{t}: of his being steward there and that the [uttmost] care be taken with relation to any others indebted to

us to make them if they are able pay on the Place & [new] [. . .] Trust if possible to be avoided to our recovery of it from their security here which is at best a very tedious [matter] & creates a long Law suit by Comissions to examine [the Cases] in India &c^{a}:

8. Since you have adjusted with M^{r}: Roberts his [. . .] on the Raw silk &c^{a}: Goods proper for Europe in y^{e}: same [proportion] with the proffit on the Gold and other Goods proper [for] India, We shall say no more of it as to you But are very much concerned that he sho^{d}: make such an Investm[ent] when our Orders to him were directly for Gold & Goods proper for the Coast and not otherwise for if We had [desired] to have had any Europe Comodities We could have sent a ship for them directly and not have rec^{d}: [them] thus round about our aim was purely to encrease Capitall on that Ship by her return to the Fort and [that] we had had a double Gain one in the Gold & China [Goods] at the Fort and the other in the Investments made [upon] that prime cost & gain in goods proper for Europe.

9. We hope you will recover by M^{r}: Jones or M^{r}: [D] who took him in at Mallacca the twenty thousand four hundred Tale left in Auquas hand or otherwise We must reconsider the matter and examine how M^{r}: Roberts [came] to leave that money behind when it is plain it was [meant] to save his passage, for you write he did not arrive till [Zu] or if he had stay'd some time longer such a concern was worth it. We shall be too great loosers by the so long [want] of the money and in case it is gotten think he ought [at] least to bear his part of that loss in proportion with [. . .].

10. Captn: Lamberts ill carriage throughout deserves [. . .] Just animadversions, but being dead we shall say [. . .] only [*one line lost*] that you do whatever lys in your power to prevent such like practices which as you well observe has a mischevous tendency and influences People to shun medling with our Europe shipping.

11. As to the Allowing our marryed servants dyet money that is now the business of the Managers therefore We shall say nothing to it hoping by the time this reaches yor: hands we shall have very little or rather no Occasion to be at any charge thereupon for our separate Account.

12. You will hear long before this of S^{r}: W^{m}: Norris decease and of y^{e}: fruitless wishes of y^{e}: Concerneds that he had never been sent for thô he got nothing yet they lost too much by y^{e}: Embassy.

13. You did well to send us Capt: Boulton & Capt: Carsewells desire for their additionall petre more than Kintlage because it saves so much of the full freight.

14. We are sorry for the death of M^{r}: Dubois & would have you give his Widow all the assistance you can in getting in his Effects wheresoever abroad or on the Place & in clearing Acco^{ts}: with us. We have been sufficiently acquainted of his services to us at Surrat & y^{e}: inconveniencys & loses y^{e}: troubles there bro^{t}: upon him and would have you do her such service as you can in whatsoever she may stand in need of your help.

15. We shall acquaint y^{e}: Managers with your desires for two hundred Madagascar Slaves but the freights are now so very high we believe they will scarcely attempt to send a ship for them till better times.

16. We are very well pleased that you so timously discover'd the Villany of the Mint people in attempting to coyn false Pagodo's you can never be too carefull in correcting such abuses: strict severity is necessary in cases of that nature.

17. We observe your resentment for our Factors in the Bay medling with the John & Marys Cargo sent from Bencoolen designed for the Fort and shall say y^{e}: less because y^{e}: managem^{t}: is altered & so no likelyhood of such another miscarriage: however we cant Omit telling you that we have not of late had so good an esteem for M^{r}: Beard as formerly and therefore were y^{e}: less solicitous for

continuing him in y^e^: United Comp^as^: service: however we shall not let it slip here unregarded with respect to Capt: Kent without he can give us a better reason than at present appears for such his breach of Orders [. . .].

18. It do's not appear to us whether you were enclin'd [to] pardon Le Baume y^e^: ffrenchman and therefore my Lord Pembroke having laid your Letter to his Lordship before [the] prince & thereupon his Royall Highnesses Secretary [send] to us to know whether we would interceed for his pardon we could not tell well what to say but left it to our [president's son] M^r^: Pitt to do as he thought fit therein according to [the] advices we supposed he might receive from his father [and] that if they seem'd enclin'd to mercy he might use our[selves] to solicite the pardon.

19. We read with great satisfaction the Acco^t^: you [give] That good part of the Debt from your Merchants is [brought] in and that you hope speedily to get in the remainder so [as] to make an early provision for the Chambers & Colchester rather because severall persons here have represented [. . .] debt and y^e^: other at Vizagapatam in very ill Colours [desiring] as we suppose to throw an aspertion on our [President] in particular and on you all in Generall and have [insinuated] that it was indeed considerable and to tell you the truth [they] have said that y^e^: seige by the Moores was a lucky [chance] to make the Acco^ts^: even however thô we could not [hinder] these private whispers yet we told y^e^: Persons who acquaint[ed] severall of us therewith That we had no reason to believe one word of it as y^e^: above Acco^t^: is a conviction of their slanders in part, so we hope the next will effectually stop their mouths for the rest Wee are,

Your loving friends,
JOHN FFLETT, *Govr*:
THO: COULSON.
NATH: HERNE.
THO: RAWLINSON.
JON^A^: ANDREWS.
URBAN HALL.
ROB^T^: LANCASHIRE.
[. . .]
W^M^: HEWER.
THO^S^: COOKE.
JOHN COOKE.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
W^M^: JOHNSON.
FRAN: DASHWOOD.
S. S. PENDARWE.
JAMES GRAYE.

LIST OF THE COMP^AS^: PACKETT TO Y^E^: FORT ℘ MARTHA:—

N°: 1. Comp^as^: Gener^l^: to the ffort Dated 10th: Janry 1703 sent ℘ Neptune.
„ 2. Copy Comp^as^: Gener^l^: to D°: Dated 5 March 1703 sent ℘ Tavistock.
„ 3. Pacq^t^: Directed for Presid^t^: Pitt sent ℘ the Ship Neptune.
„ 4. Copy Comp^as^: Genl: to y^e^: ffort Dat^d^: 19th: March 1702 sent ℘ Tavistock & Neptune.
„ 5. Copy Comp^as^: Genl: to D°: Dat^d^ :23 March 1702 sent ℘ Tavistock & Neptune.
„ 6. Pacquet Directed to the President & Council for affairs of the Govern^r^: & Comp^a^: &c^a^: at ffort William &c^a^:
„ 7. Secretarys Letter about the Lascarrs.

LETTER FROM THE COMPANY'S SECRETARY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 25, 1704 RECEIVED PER MARTHA, JULY 28, 1704. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 12, *pp.* 151—154.]

TO THE G[OVER]N^R^ : & COUNCIL OF FORT [ST :] GEORGE.
GENT^N^,

This is to acquaint you That the Cou[ncil & Comitees] have ordered the Lascars that [. . .] on the Phœnix to be paid Each [. .] [months] & Ten days wages w^ch^ : Cap^ts^ : [. . .] hath paid them accordingly. The [. . .] also ordered That you shall [pay them] five months Wages more on their [arrival] at ffort S^t^: George. That is to say to [. . .] Surang after the Rate of Six Pago^as^ : a month, to the Tindall four Pagothas a month, and to the fifteen Lascars after the rate of Three Pagotha's a month Each, their Servants being two to have no Wages ℘ Agreement, which the Court will take care to deduct from the Owners. If we have occasion to write you more you shall have an Acco^t^ : of it in the Generall Letter : in the mean time this come by order of the Govr : & Com^tees^ : to signify the same I am

Gent^n^ :
Yo^r^ : very humble Servt :
THO : WOOLLEY,
*Sec^ry^* :

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
the 25th Jan^ry^ : [1704.]

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 26, 1704. RECEIVED PER MARTHA, JULY 28, 1704. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 47–52]

OUR GOVERN^R^ : & COUNCIL AT FORT S^T^ : GEORGE.
GENTLEMEN,

Wee have written you the 6th : instant by the Neptune whereof herewith you have copy whereunto wee referr you.

2. This goes by the Martha wherein wee have loaden and consignd to you goods & Bullion as by inclosed bill of Loading & Invoyce amounting to £73,767-18-11. You have also inclosed Copy of the Charterparty.

3. What wee have further to add at Present is That wee are willing to know & direct you to contrive some easy way of acquainting us of whome the severall goods you send us are bought either by Numbring on Paper & stiching that Paper on every Peice of whatsoever sort & taking notice what Numbers are in each Bale & whose goods are from such to such a Number or any other method whereby wee may have the satisfaction of knowing whose prove best & advising you the same.

4. You must likewise take care to reduce the Prices of all goods at least to what they were in former times before the Contest between the two Comp^as^ : which will be easy to do now there is no competitor with us for the difficulties here are such by reason of the high Duties, the dearness of Silver (which stands in now six shillings ℘ Ounce standard) the great freights and dangers by the warrs that unless you do so wee shall not be able to continue the trade.

5. Wee charge the Woollen & other goods wee send you no higher in the Invoyce than really they cost without any Addition that you may use your utmost to put off as great Quantities thereof as you can to ease the export of Bullion.

6. Wee must again press you by all means possible to avoyd keeping ships long on demorage which is so heavy an expence to us unless you can employ them so as to earn that Charge.

7. Make strict [enquiry of] any Persons (who have not [our] licence) [. . .] any ships [*one line lost*]

8. Wee herewith send you the Particulars of all the Bullion & goods lycenced by us to be exported on this ship by which you are to examine what comes out of the ship & whatever you find not lycenced seize the same & give us an Acco^t: thereof.

9. Wee also send you the Enteries made this yeare & the last on the ships sent out on the seperate stocke if any of them come to your port you have power to search & seize whatever Bullion or goods you find brought out from England or any part of Europe w^ch: are not containd in the said enteries respectively, Wee are,

Your loving ffriends,

London, 26th Jan^y: [1704.]

Charles Peers.
John ffleet.
S: Shepheard.
Geo: Dodington.
Edm: Harrison.
Abraham Beake.
Nath: Herne.
Tho: Coulson.
Gilbert Heathcote.
R^t: Acton.
[ ] Ward.
Urban Hall.
W^m: Hewer.
R. Gough.

There takes Passage on this ship M^r: Francis Molyneux (Sõne to S^r: Francis Molyneux) whome we have entertaind a Writer for ffort S^t: George at y^e: Sallary of five Pounds ℘ Annum as usuall.

Herewith we send you a Petition made to us on behalf of M^r: John Berlu praying that he may have the Cōmand of a Comp^a: of soldiers at ffort S^t: Davids where he is now one of the Council which we leave to your consideration to do as you think fitt so as not to break in on any Acco^t: on the Constitutions & Methods Establisht or used by the old Comp^a: in former times nor put us to any Charge thereby.

M^r: Theophilus Oglethorpes Brother having represented to us that he is at Fort S^t: George a Writer & very deserving We hereby desire you will if you find him so prefer him and give him all the encouragement he shall be found to deserve so as it be not inconsistent with the Comp^as: Rules.

We herewith send you y^e: copy of the fiftieth Paragraph of our Letter to Bombay of 4th: & 11th: June 1703 for your Guidance Viz^t:

Since the Settlement of our Councill at Fort S^t: George we have received Advice of the Death of M^r: Dan^ll: Dubois whom we had appointed seventh of Council there wherefore We order that M^r: W^m: Martin a Merchant in the Service of the New Camp^a: [. . .] go as soon as conveniently he can to Fort S^t: [George] the Place of the [. . .] M^r: Daniel Du [bois . . .]

List of the Packet to y^e: ffort ℘ Martha.

N° 1. Companies Generall to the ffort dated the 26th January 1703.
2. Copy Comp^as: Gen^ll: to D^o: dated 6th; Jan^ry; 1703 ℘ Ship Neptune.
3. Invoice of the Martha amounting to £ 73767 : 18 : 11.
4. Bill of Loading of D^o:
5. Charterparty of said ship.
6. List of Goods to be provided on y^e: Coast.
7. Copy of Supra Cargo's Covenants of y^e: Loyal Cooke.

Nº: 8. Manifest of goods Lycenced to be shipt on the Martha sent in a Packet apart.
9. Dº: on the Loyall Cooke.
10. Manifest of Entries on board the seperate Stock ships.
11. Companies Indulgence.
12. Invoices of Medicines to be sent in a Pacquett apart.
13. Keys of Medicines in ye: Box apart 3 Nº: A for fort St: Geo: & 3 Nº: C for St: Davids.
14. Covenants of Mr: Anthony Etterick to be a ffactor Dated the 23rd: Decr: 1703 with his Security Bond & Bond to perform Co [. . .] which being Executed are to be returned Us.
15. Copy-Orders of Investments for Loy ll: Cooke for Amoy & ye: ffort.
16. Packet Directed to the Presidt: and Council for Affairs of the Govr: and Company of Merchants &ca: at ffort St: George.
17. Pacquet to the Bay to be forwarded thither with the Ship As also the Charterparty for their guidance.

LETTER FROM THE COMPANY'S SECRETARIES TO FORT ST. GEORGE, LONDON, FEBRUARY 9, 1704. RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGATE, JUNE 27, 1705. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 19–22].

TO THE HONBLE: THE GOVERNOR & COUNCILL OF FORT ST: GEORGE

SRS:

The Court of Managers did in a Postcript of their Generall Letter by the Martha dated the 26th: January last write you in the words following Vizt:

Mr: Theophilus Oglethorpes Brother haveing represented to us that he is at Fort St: George a Writer and very deserving, wee hereby desire you will if you find him so preferr him and give him all the encouragemt: he shall be found to deserve so as it be not inconsistent with the Companies Rules.

Since which the said court have further considered the same and have this day thought fitt to make an alteration therein and have thereupon agreed on the following clause instead of that above, wch: they would have you take notice of and conform thereto Vizt:

Mr: Theophilus Oglethorpes Brother haveing represented to us that he is at Fort St: George a writer and very deserving, and therefore wee hereby desire you if you find him so preferr him to be a Factor and give him all other encouragemt: he shall deserve.

This by order of the said court is signified unto you by,

Srs:

Yor: very humble Servts:

JOHN GARDNER } Secrles:
THO: WOOLLEY }

LONDON THE 9TH: FEBRY: [1704].

Despatches from the Company, 1704–1705.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, DECEMBER 19: 1704. RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGATE, JUNE 27, 1705. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 53–56.]

LONDON, YE 19TH DECEMR: 17[04]

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL AT FFORT ST: GEORGE.

We the Court of Managers for the United Trade to the East Indies being very desirous to do what may be most convenient for the safety of our returning ships from all Parts of India have thought fitt to appoint and desire Sr: Thomas Cooke, Sr: Edmond Harrison, Sr: Jonathan Andrews and Mr: Gough to be a Secrett Committee to give directions to our President for ye: time being for his Ordering home all such of ye: ships now going out or which are then in India as shall be dispatched by you for England the next Season after this arrives with you either for sommer or Winter Voyages and to that End you must in your open Instructions direct the severall Comanders to follow the said Presidents Orders with relation to their Sailing homeward.

We would have our President keep the Orders of the Secrett Comtee: which come herewith private and lett no person whatsoever know their Contents which Orders so given to each Comander must be sealed up and Superscribed to be open'd when ye: said Comander comes into the Latitude of ten degrees South towds: the Cape and not before and when they are opend that the Mates and Purser be then Present and make an attestation thereof under their hands which they [are to] make Oath of if [required] at their Arrivall here and let the captain keep the said attestation by him.

If any of the ships shall be dispatched so late as that they cant gett about the Cape which we hope will not happen We would have the Comandrs: be directed to Winter at Point de Galle on the Island Zeylon where they need not stay longer than the begining of July or if they are dispatcht at such a season as that they may have a chance to gett about and yett shall be for[ced] back after they have used their utmost endeavours to effect it in such case order them to go to Mauritius to the Southest side which is the Windward part of the Island where the Dutch have a settlement and their ships resort to advise every Comander to take great care in going in and if they are apprehensive of the least danger lett them gett a Pylot off to carry them in Safely Caution them that if Possible they dont go to the North West harbour or to Carpenters Bay because there is no security for them and very likely if any ffrench ships are in those parts they will Visit both Places in expectation of Prey as knowing our ships usually Winter in one or other of them. We are,

Your loving friends,

JOHN FFLEET.
GEO: DODINGTON.
[THO:] RAWLINSON.
NATH: HERNE.
WM: DAWSON.
WM: HEWER.
ABRAHAM BEAKE.
F. GIBBON.
SAM: HEATHCOTE.
[.] PENDARVER.
[SAM: SHEPHEARD.]
CHARLES DU BOIS.
HENRY LYELL.
S. KEND. EYLE.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 12, 1705 RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGATE, JUNE 27, 1705. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 57–76 and 85–92.]

OUR GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. Our last was the 6th: Janry: by the Neptune and the 26th: Ditto by the Martha whereof inclosed goe copies, since which vizt: the 11th: October wee received yours of the 28th: Janry: with an addition of the 12th: Febry: by the Colchester, also copies of yours of the 18th: 25th: May and 5th: Novr: sent via Suratt, the Originalls whereof are not yett come to hand, which wee shall answer under the severall heads mentioned in our last.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPS SENT OUT AND RETURNING.

2. Wee note the arryvall of the Tavistock with you, and wee had also a few lines from the Bay dated the 27th: Janry: that the Dutchess was just arryved in Ballasore road, for which God be praised, that you would send down the Tavistock to the Bay so soon as the Season will permitt is well, wee are sorry wee are like to pay so many months Demorage by her unseasonable arryvall, and hope it will be in a great measure eased by her bringing Rice to you, which wee see by the copy of your Letter of the 16th: December to our Councill in the Bay, you had recommended to them, and that there was a prospect of that comodities being dear with you.

3. Wee send out this year the following Ships Vizt:

		Tons.	Ports.
Fleet frigatt ...	Capta: Thomas Burgess ...	300	Coast and Bay.
Somers	Capta: Eustace Peacock ...	480	Do.
Loyall Hester ...	Capta: John Haslewood and to touch at Bencoolen ...	350	Bengall.
Wentworth ...	Capta: John Sax	350	Do.
Albemarle ...	Capta: Wm: Beawes	350	China and Suratt.
Loyall Bliss ...	Capta: Robert Hudson ...	350	China and England.
Frederick ...	Capta: John Wynn	350	Suratt.
Europe	Capta: John Pocock	300	Persia and Suratt.
Arabia Mercht: ...	Capta: Abrām Jackson ...	140	Mocha.
Todington ...	Capta: Thomas Blow ...	210	Batavia or China.
Nathaniel ...	Capta: Ben [. . . .]	250	Bencoolen & to touch at Madrass.
Ha [mpshire] [. .]	... ...	[...]	Bencoolen.
Phenix	Capta: John Carswell ...	375	Borneo but first to Persia.
Panther	Capta: John Camell ...	350	Borneo & to touch at St: Helena.
Jane	Capta: Micha: Martin ...	200	Borneo.
Catherine ...	Capta: Jonas Tracey ...	200	Borneo.
Blenheim, our own Ship	Capta: Henry Barre. ...	280	Borneo.

4. The last convoy sent out, did by the blessing of God bring home in safety the old Compas: Ships Colchester from the ffort Aurungzebe from Suratt & Union from China, & the New Compas: Ships Tankerville & Hallifax from the Coast & Bay, and Liampo from China, & before arryved the New Compas: Ships Robert and Nathaniel from China & Herne from Batavia, both Companies do now give over the Bedford & the De Grave for lost.

5. This goes by the ffleet frigatt wherein we have loaden and consigned to you for the United Companies account goods & Bullion & Stores amounting to £ 26,626: 17: 5 as by the Inclosed Invoyce & bill of lading, and for your Government herewith goes copy of this ships Charterparty.

6. Wee are sensible our China Ships the first year lost their passage, & that therefore you cannot expect the Sydney till the next Season, wee hope however that you will be able to dispatch her the same Monsoon she comes to you, Wee beleeve you are not unsensible of the reason why wee have and doe this year again send so small a stock Viz[t]: the General Complaints of sending out Silver, dureing this Warr (not considering the advantage it otherwaies brings to the Nation) w[ch]: necessitates us to restrain ourselves, Wherefore wee doe allow you to take up mony at Interest for our account rather then to keep any of our Ships a Monsoon upon Demorage being confident that you will doe it on as easy Termes as possible, & yett wee would not have this done but on the last necess[ity] at all if our Ships can be dispatcht duely[w . . .]

7. [. . .]gods of the Stretham, [. . .] reasons that induced them to make a trip thither, rather then to lye idle at Batavia but neither you nor they mention what cargo she had brought or what account it was like to turn to, so wee must expect to hear that by the next, one reason of our sending so many ships round about to China, is that wee are so strengthned here in sending out Bullion, That you would on the arryvall of the Sidney examine if the Comander has complyed with his Charterparty, & the Supra Cargoes with their Covenants as well.

8. Wee take notice that you are as Sensible as wee of the hazard our Ships run by wintring at Mawritious, but this matter is already taken care of in a Letter apart.

9. The London arryved here some time since a rich Ship & must of necessity have brought much more home then the produce of what she carryed out, wee hope none of our Servants encourage the Separate Stock Ships to the prejudice of our own Trade, nor load any effects upon them for their own or any others account, which is a breach of the Law and whatever you find, or can gett information of, of that kind or of their takeing up any mony on Bottomery to load their Ships home, fail not to advise us thereof, they have advantage enough of us, by being allowed to carry out their full sums, whilest wee are forced to abridge ourselves of the liberty the Law gives us, wee doe not desire to obstruct their fair tradeing, but the Law does not permitt them to trade for or bring home more then the Stock they carry out, wherefore wee send you now an account of what has been entred out this year by the Persons concerned in the Separate Stock, & if any of their Ships come to you, and you find more or a greater value aboard, you are to seize what is more then they entred out here.

10. Wee are sorry for the New Comp[as]: loss of the Ship Canterbury but glad that the old Comp[as]: Ship Chambers frigatt escaped so well, wee shall be pleased to hear that the Men of Warr sent out meets with any of the Pyrates or enemies.

SECONDLY, CONCERNING [. . .] &[a]: SENT FROM EUROPE.

11. In the quantity of cloth [and wollen] goods were now [. . .] advices sent [*a line lost*] same [. . .] rather to have it disposed of in greater quantities [. . .] great proffitt, especially dureing the present Warr with [. . .] whilest wee find it so difficult to send out Bullion, & [. . .] hopes as you say that the selling it at moderate prizes [. . .] produce the greater expence of it, tho you must note that [. . .] year our Cloth is by the obstruction of trade bought 15 ℔[cent] cheaper then usuall which you will find by the Invoyce & great care has been taken in the ordering it, so that wee doubt not but it will goe off well.

12. There was a chest of Medicines sent the first year for you as also one for the Bay, & therefore wee conclude as you doe that the Chest aboard the

Tavistock for the Bay was putt aboard that ship by mistake, and that they at the Bay will receive by the Dutchess the Chest designed for you. Wee sent you last year so large a quantity of Medicines (which was done thro a mistake) that wee Judged they would well [serve] for severall years, &, therefore wee send none this year.

13. If any other of our Europe Comodities besides what wee sent will goe off, at never so little proffitt, advise us of it, & wee shall furnish you therewith.

14. Wee have sent Supra Cargoes on the Ship Todington, Mr: Joseph Hynmers, Mr: Thomas Theobalds Mr: Edward Vane & Mr: George Mead, whom wee have directed to load home from Batavia, if to be done according to our orders, otherwise to proceed for Emoy and from thence to load for England or the Fort as they shall find they are best able to accomplish our orders, if the said Ship comes to you, fail not to dispatch her home the same season, and observe the same directions in examining whether the Comander or Supra Cargoes exceed the Tonnage allowed them, etc.a: as wee gave concerning the Sydney, the Cargoe by her is £ 11,815 : 3 : 5 as by the Invoyce delivered them.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENT OF GOODS PROPPER FOR EUROPE.

15. Herewith [you] will receive our orders for Investment of Cargoes [. . .] setled upon the best judgment wee can [. . .] regard to another New [. . .] are this sessions about to lay on all callicoes & other goods, as you will see by the printed votes of the 16th: December which wee send you wee shall endeavour to oppose the same, but in those matters wee have heretofore laboured to so little purpose, that wee can hardly hope for better success now however wee doe not strictly tye you up to the quantity of each sort, but wee conclude that all these impositions & loads upon the Trade will of necessity bring down the prizes of goods in India considerably, & as you find one or the other sort mentioned in the List cheaper with you, you may abate or add to the quantities ordered.

16. Wee see you are of opinion that the best way of contracting for India goods would be with Joynt Stock Merchts: who have good principles & good funds, but seeing as you say the Country does not at present afford such, it is better to try other waies then to run the hazard of looseing what they are intrusted with, wherefore wee recomend it to you to proceed in the method prescribed in ours by the Tavistock which wee hope by your care & circumspection will answer our intentions of procureing goods without trusting out our monies & on as cheap Termes, at least without runing a risque of looseing the principle, & especially untill wee find encourgement, or can be allowed to trade more largely.

17. Wee perfectly agree with you, that it is our advantage to have Investments made all the year round for the reasons you mention, & were it prudent for us to send out such a stock as wee would, you should alwaies have mony for that purpose, but whilest matters stand as they doe wee are forced to struggle with a great many difficulties, in procureing so much Bullion as wee doe send dureing this Warr & you must exert yourselves to the utmost in procureing goods as cheap as possible in the circumstances wee are now, and especially in giveing a quick dispatch to our Ships & thereby preventing the insupportable charge of Demorage which is a weight both Compas: [have laboured] under.

18. Wee are sensible [. . .] nour there is against [. . .] to confer [*one line lost*] and the intollerable duties that are already & are about to be laid on all East India Comodities. That it had been our Intrest not to send out so many Ships this year, but haveing occasion to send great quantities of Woollen goods to Suratt & Persia, & to bring every year 500 Tons of Salt Petre from the Bay for the Crown besides what is necessary to supply other occasions, and being also willing to make some show and appearance in India of not quitting the Trade, wee Resolved upon the number wee have advised you, & doe relye that all our Factories will use their utmost diligence in giveing them a

dispatch, so as they be not kept upon Demorage, and wee hope next year to send you good supplyes and less Tonnage.

19. Wee approve of what you have done in sending to Mr: Brabourn for some samples of Longcloth & Salampores in hopes of getting them cheaper to the Southward, no stone must be left unturn'd as the circumstances of affaires now stand to buy in the goods as cheap as possible & to avoyd keeping our ships long on Demorage, wch: wee cannot repeat too often Wherefore if you find them to answer yor: expectations give all the encouragemt: you can to the encrease of that Trade.

20. That you will send us Musters of all goods & have the threds told as wee ordered is well, and will enable both ourselves and you to make a better Judgment of them then otherwise wee could.

21. Wee are sorry wee can give no greater encouragemt: at present to the fine paintings, which wee are sensible is brought to great perfection, with you, The Chief expence of that comodity was in England, wch: now by the prohibition is taken away, & abroad they turn to no account, however in hopes that one time or other the prohibition will be taken off, wee are willing upon your recomendation in some measure to keep up that Manufacture untill our further order, & therefore you may send.

22. Fail not to send yearly to St: Helena the quantity of Arrack [advised] in ours by the Tavistock.

[Fourthly] Touching the Trade of India in Generall & [any transactions with] the Country Governmt [. . .].

23. [. .] Driven by the Danes Dutch & French & that they at the present slack their hands, which wee are also forced to doe in some measure untill better encouragemt: appears, and this makes us hope you will be able to procure goods cheap, otherwise the high Freights and Duties wee pay will eat us out.

24. The freedom of Trade in India which wee allow to all our Servants is what wee hope will encourage them to doe us good and faithfull Service, & what wee mean by prohibiting any preferrence or preemption of Bullion or other comodities whatsoever by any Person or Persons whosoever is that wee would not have any who are in Superior Station overawe any in an inferior Station, & thereby deterr them from or deprive them of reaping an equall benifitt in any Trade they desire to be concerned in. This is in truth our meaning. But at the same time wee would not have you beleeve that wee intend any reflection upon any particular Person in any of our Factories & wee hope there is no occasion for it, but wee Judged it necessary upon the first establishment to give such Rules as might be reasonable and lasting to whoever shall succeed in all places, and this you are to understand in all the other Generall Rules, wee have given relateing to all our affaires being transacted in Councill, and our Letters being opened in Councill and the like, which the Gentn: of the New Company inform us have not been duely observed in all their Factories, and tho' the old Compas: orders have been better observed, there is no harm in continueing the injunction, by what wee have said above you will see wee are farr from desireing to give any advantage in trade to the free Merchants over our own Servants, the liberty wee give being intended for the benifitt of our own Servants, as well as free Merchants & inhabitants: wee have now setled & send you herewith certain Regulations for free Merchts: for the performance whereof you are to take a Bond of them in the penalty of £1,000 each as wee doe hear of those [. . .] leave to, to goe over as such.

25. Wee take notice of the [. . .] the Country Governmt: [. . .] the care you [. . .] and doubt [. . .] but you will continue your utmost care for the preservation thereof and their defence if there be occasion by such means & methods as you shall find most adviseable, wherein wee [cannot]

at this distance give you any particular directions but have sent you such stores, &c^a: as wee Judge necessary; & what Soldiers wee could gett, w^ch: are extreamly difficult to procure now in this time of Warr, an account thereof you will find under the next head of fortifications &c^a:

26. Wee approve of what you have done in collecting a Tax for building the Wall about the Black Town, & seeing you examine into the complaint against Serapan, mentioned in the paper dropt, and found it false, no regard is to be given thereunto, & such methods of complaint ought to be discountenanced, but if any will fairly and openly complain to you of anything they apprehend a grievance, wee doubt not but you will redress it, for that you are as sensible as wee that it is our interest to increase the number of the inhabitants, [as much] as may be, and nothing is more effectuall to that end than an easy Government.

FIFTHLY, TOUCHING OUR FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

27. Wee now send you all the Soldiers wee could possibly procure, which are in number about [*lacunae*] a List whereof you will receive by the Ship or Ships that brings them, The great occasion the Queen has for soldiers dureing this Warr, renders it very hard to gett any for our Service, & consequently very chargeable.

28. Wee have sent the severall stores you write for as you will see by the Invoyce and would have you continue every year to send a List of what stores you have & what you want, w^ch: you shall be supplied with, wee have omitted to send any Gunpowder, seeing you can have it there so much cheaper & wee shall consider of sending a person to make it with [. . .] the Bay after the Europe manner, as you say.

29. [. . .] in our Stores &c^a: hom [*one line lost*] you inform us you take therein, however wee thought it necessary to recomend it to the care of all our Factories more especially whilest our charge is so great, & our trade so small and unproffitable.

30. Wee take notice what you say concerning the Ruby Brokeridge that it is paid when the Rubies are sold, whereas if it were collected at the importation, the revenue would produce four times what it does, but you doe not tell us yor: opinion whether you think the trade would be continued as largely to the Fort, if the Duty were taken when Imported, as it is now, w^ch: if you lett us know by yor: next with the conveniencies & inconveniences of the one or other way, wee shall be able to give our directions therein.

31. Wee approve of your haveing lett the Wine Lycence to ffarm for 2 years from the 25th: Sept^r: 1703 at 225 Pagodas ℘ Ann not doubting but you have therein done for the best.

32. Concerning the ffarmes of Beetle, Tobacco &c^a: wee must leave it you to doe therein what you Judge most for our interest all circumstances considered, We hope the two Men of Warr sent out from hence will appear with you in due time and be able to free you in some measure from the apprehensions you are under of trouble from the country Government and if the French receive such another blow next Summer as they this, the warr may not last long, and then wee hope to gett more help from the Governm^t: for the Support of our trade.

33. Wee cannot force such soldiers to stay who have served out their full time but if you can by some increase of their pay a gratuity or any other means encourage their stay till wee can better supply you it will be a Service to us, and if you can bring them under covenants to remain a certain number of years longer.

34. Upon the desire of M^r: James Avelins friends who is a Corporall at Fort S^t: George and as they say has been 7 or 9 years, wee could not deny giveing him liberty to return home, unless you can persuade him to stay according to the above paragraph.

SIXTHLY, TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

35. Wee have according to [. . .] Resolved to take into the [service of] the United [Company] mentiond therein a [. . .] Coast who are willing to remain, whose Sallaries and Factory charges must therefore all be brought to the United account, from the time those in the old Comp^as : Service were entertained and they must be placed and preferred with regard to their standings and station equall with those of the old Company, a List of them you have inclosed wherein M^r : Tillard is mentioned, but wee understand he intends to come home.

36. M^r : Empsons friends representing to us that he has a house at Fort S^t : George and other accommodations which if he should be continued at S^t : Davids as Ordred by the Tavistock would be a great loss to him, and that his experience in our service has altogether been gained at Fort S^t : George, and that therefore he would be more capable to serve us there, wee have therefore consented and doe hereby order that he return to the Fort and take place in his former station in the Council next below M^r : Wright and above M^r : Marshall.

37. M^r : Martin is to come into the Councill when he arryves from Suratt, as we last year directed in the room of M^r : Dubois.

38. Wee note that M^r : Robert Raworth was arryved with you and according to our order admitted into the Station and Salary of a Merch^t : and whereas if the Union had not been he would by this time have come into the New Comp^as : Councill at Madapollam, wee direct that he be admitted into yor : Councill next to M^r : Martin the first vacancy that happens and wee appoint M^r : Meverell to goe to Fort S^t : Davids and take place as Second in Councill in the room of M^r : Empson, and after M^r : Martin and M^r : Raworth, M^r : Frederick is to be next taken into your Councill upon the first Vacancy, so that the Councill will be as followes Viz^t :

CAPT^N : PITT.
M^R : ELLIS.
M^R : FRASIER.
M^R : WRIGHT.
M^R : EMPSON.
M^R : MARSHALL.
M^R : MARTIN.
[M^R. RAWORTH] } to succeed as above mentioned.
[M^R. FREDERICK] }

39. Recomendations given [. . .] the President of particular Persons to their relations and encourageing them thereupon to apply to us, w^ch : gives us a great deal of trouble and wee would have all of you forbear it for the time to come.

40. Wee understand that M^r : Charles Haslewood one of the New Comp^as : Supra Cargoes in the Ship Canterbury was come to Fort S^t : George, and haveing a good character of him, wee would have him taken into the United Service if there be any occasion or otherwise employed and encouraged according to his Capacity and meritt.

41. Wee have the copy of the Security Bond w^ch : you have taken of M^r : Wigmore, but the Company is not therein intituled right so as to be good in Law upon our first establishment wee advised you that the Lawyers found it necessary that the name of the English Company should remain, and wee send you herewith the form of the Bond wee take here, according to w^ch : stile all writeings obligatory must be made.

42. You understand our orders right relating to our Factory at Fort S^t : Davids, and the Salary to be allowed in case of the death of M^r : John Pitt which has since fallen out.

43. We have a Letter from Dr: Bulkley desireing an increase of his Salary, or some other compensation, for extraordinary Services, which he alledges he performs, and hearing a good charactor of him, wee leave it to you, if you see reasonable to allow him the remainder of his house rent, and something for dyett in regard of his frequent absence on his employ.

44. Wee have upon My Ld: Conisbys application consented and doe hereby order that his Son Mr: Ferdinando Conisby, be admitted from the arryvall of this Letter to the Station and Salary of a Factor.

45. On the ship [*Lacuna*] takes passage Mr: James Coleburne whom wee have entertained a Bombardier for the Fort at the wages of £ 50 ℔ m. to comence from his arryvall, advise us how you find him qualified for our information.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING [. . .] ON ACCOUNTS, WHICH FAIL NOT TO SEND [. . .]

46. [. . . . . . .] and which shall be examined so soon as the hurry wee are in, in dispatching our Ships is over, and that you would observe our directions in haveing our Books duely kept up and sent us, and all other matters relateing thereunto is well, and wee have at present nothing further to say on this head.

47. And now wee come to answer to and add such Generall matters as are not properly reducible under the aforesaid heads.

48. Wee have before told you the reason of giveing such General Rules and directions to all our Factories for the management of our affairs as wee thought propper to prevent any irregularities, and not by way of complaint to you and therefore are well pleased that you informe us that you have practiced what wee enjoyn'd, That all things be done in Council, all contracts made there, and duely entered in your Consultation Book and no money issued but in Consultation &ca: and therefore have no doubt of yor: continuance so to doe.

49. Our other orders which you give us assurance shall be observed, wee need not repeat.

50. When wee wrote you that wee had made Sumatra independant wee did not intend to prevent your correspondence or that you should not Supply them with what they wanted our Letter haveing particularly directed they should be so Supply'd, our chief design was to try the Experiment whether when those on the place knew they were accountable to us directly they would not exert themselves more zealously in hopes to meritt our favour when they knew they were more especially under our eye.

51. The Somers will bring you nine Chests of Bullion part of which wee would have coyned into West Coast Dollers, and them with a suitable quantity of copper cash and such goods and Merchandizes as are proper for that Coast, to the full amount of the said Nine Chests of Bullion, gott ready against the Nathaniel arryves with you, who goes first to St: Helena with [. . .] orders from thence to come to you to take in the [. . .] said nine chests and to proceed to Bencoolen and [. . .] same be immediately [. . .] with you.

52. Wee being well satisfied That Borneo produces yearly a large quantity of Pepper which the Chineeses come thither to fetch, and considering the scituation of the place, that the Chineeses may be induced to bring all their comodities thither as they doe to Batavia & the oppressions & abuses of the Chineeses in their own country, haveing made us in a manner weary of tradeing directly to China, wee have Resolved & do by our ships now bound out send Materialls & a proper person to erect a fortification at Banjar in the said Island, & have appointed a chief & Councill there for the direction of our affairs, or if Mr: Catchpole comes thither from Pulocondore as wee have directed him, he is to

be and remain there with the title of President, wee are in expectations in time that the same will prove a settlement of good advantage to us, & will take off good quantities of Blew Cloth & other goods from you, so if you have opportunity you may Correspond with them, as wee have directed them to doe with you in order to be informed, & in time to send them such goods as they can vend, & Seeing Mexico Dollers are so scarce here at present, and no other will goe off there, if you can [by] any means send them a few peeces of the West Coast Dol[lars] you coyn, to see if they can be induced there, it will be of great Service to us, and remove the difficulty wee are under of supplying them with that Species from hence.

53. When wee directed you to inform us how & wherein you Judged our Interest might be best promoted, wee expected you would from time to time tell us what yor: observations might dictate advantagious to us in any matters relateing to our Trade & affaires in Generall, or in any particular & your answer that nothing can contribute more thereto then employing those that are best qualified to serve us, is what wee did not want to be informed of, the difficulty is to know who are so qualified, wherein we must use the best Judgment wee can, & expect from [. . .] & Councills in all places to be acquainted whe [. . .] err therein.

54. All [. . .] wee [. . .] Merchants have [*one line lost*] whi[ch] the Comand^{r}: ought not to take any aboard, & therefore last year wee ordred an account to be sent us of any that should come out without our permission, attested by our Secretaries as afore is said.

55. Wee doubt not but S^{r}: Stephen Evance will inform you what passes at the Port in order to obtain satisfaction for the Ship Diamond seized at Judda, he saies he has authority from you to transact that affair, & shall have all the assistance the Company can give him.

56. Wee are sorry for the many Pyracies comitted in India, wee have the relation you send us relateing to the Pembrook frigatt &c^{a}: wee hope the Men of Warr in India will be so fortunate to light of some of them, & when it pleases God to grant a lasting peace, wee have hopes of finding out meanes to destroy those Vermin, the common pest of mankind.

57. By our order to send no Pepper to us, our meaning is that you send none at all, altho you should receive any for our account from the West Coast, but sell the same with you.

58. Wee highly approve of what you did relating to the Patriarch who desired passage for China, in not permitting him to exercise any Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction with you.

59. Lett the best care you can be taken to avoyd the ffrench ships whatever they pretend to be, for there is no Trust to be given to any Ships this Warr time.

60. M^{r}: Salvadore being willing to make an Experiment wee have lycenced him to send out Three or four hundred pounds value in Blew & Red Stones on the Ship [*lacuna*] consigning them to our President & Councill to be sold & returnes made him in Diamonds as he shall direct on any of our Shipping.

61. Doe all you can to encourage Topasses with their Wives and Families to goe & reside at Bencoolen or Benjarr.

62. The New Company haveing comitted some affaires of theirs [. . .] to M^{r}: William Frasier and M^{r}: Thomas Wright [. . .] give them leave to goe to Metchlepatam [. . .] & wee desire you to [. . .] particularly in their getting creditt to draw Bills of Exchange on the New Comp^{a}: to pay any Debts they may be oweing when their Accounts are setled.

63. Wee have received complaints of the ill behaviour of the comanders of both Comp^{ns}: Ships to Armenians and other passengers who accompany goods sent on freight to & from Persia, & that thereby wee suffer in the freights our

Ships would otherwise earn, & the Dutch run away with that proffitt, to prevent which evill, as often as any ship of ours, is lett to Persia, take care that an agreement be made before you, (of which you are to be Judges & see that it be reasonable) what the Captain shall be allowed for the passage and accomodation of any Armenians or other passengers & send a proper Person on board each Ship to see their accomodations be as they ought & when the passengers return, enquire whether the Captain has complyed with his agreement, & if he has failed in any part, take care that such Passengers have Justice done them, & such agreement as aforesaid being made, advise to our Factories whether the Ship is consigned, The termes of the said agreement, and this being done if the Capt^{as}: should yett treat those passengers unreasonably, or will not doe them that Justice you esteem reasonable protest against such comanders & therein specifie the cause, and the Damage the Comp^{a}: sustein by such discouragem^{ts}: to the ffreighters or their Vackeels or Servants, or the hazard that may in probability happen thereon, and you haveing so farr done yor: part, upon notice which must be sent us from time to time wee shall do the rest, & you must further putt you in mind that you have by Charterparty liberty to displace Comand^{rs}: when just reason offers, and if their oppressions are severe wee know no better reason to displace them then the cureing such a growing evill.

64. If at any time any of the cloth or other goods wee now send or shall hereafter send [. . .] Sea Damage, w^{ch}: you must [. . .] those wee would have [. . .] of the [. . .] or package before opening thereof, send for the Comand^{r}: & in the presence of him or such Person or Persons as he shall appoint cause the same to be opened & adjust with him or them the real Damage of such goods, & if he will lett him pay it you, & if he refuses advise us the amount, that wee may deduct it here, fail not to make the said adjustm^{t}: before the Captain goes away, w^{ch}: will ease us of a great deal of trouble and clamour from the owners.

65. Wee have promised the Supra Cargoes of the Todington that on their return from China, if they should come to you, they shall have liberty to reside at the Factory and have the priviledge of yor: table from the time they arryve untill a ship presents for their takeing passage for England, w^{ch}: wee would have you comply with.

66. As to our Factories at Metchlepatam & Maddapollam wee observe by examining the cost & sale of the goods bought at those places for both Comp^{as}: & with you there is a great difference in proportion & so much that wee are great loosers by the Investm^{ts}: made there, for which reason wee agree with your sentiments, that one of the houses at Maddapollam be pulled down & the Timbers brought to you as you propose, & no more people left there then are absolutely necessary to preserve our possession & lett Metchlepatam be intirely quitted, as to Vizagapatam, wee find the course Long Cloth from thence turns to account, for wch. reason & that which you mention, that wee have a kind of fortification there which if dismantled may be difficult to resettle, wee agree with you keep so many people there as are absolutely necessary for those ends, & upon this occasion wee have had recourse to the old Comp^{as}: Letters of 26th : Aug^{t} : 1698 & 20th Nov^{r} : 1700 & find they expected a revenue to be raised at Vizagapatam according to the customes at the Fort which wee hope may be putt in practice.

67. You will see by the Bills or Loading Invoyces that wee consign [. . .] ffleet frigatt and Somers 59 Chests of Silver and [. . .] which 9 Chests of Silver are for Bencoolen [. . .] for yourselves which [. . .] [sufficient] to purchase the Investment, wee have ordred to be made by you, with some overplus, but wee cannot make an exact calculation & therefore would have you correspond with our Councill in the Bay, & wee expect between both that our Ships be filled and therefore if our Stock will not hold out for all that wee have ordred at both places, & they should fall short of complying with their Tonnage at the Bay, wee would have you fill up with ordinary Long Cloth and Salampores & that they in the Bay may be the better able to

expedite our business, lett the Silver by the ffleet Frigat & Somers that is all that is above the 9 Chests for Bencoolen & the 27 Chests of Silver & 1 chest of Gold for yourselves, be forthwith coyn'd with you & sent down into the Bay with all expedition by either or both of the said Ships, which will save the time & hazard of sending it up to Rajahmall where wee are not willing to adventure it untill the troubles in the Bay are wholly over.

68. Upon further consideration of our affair's abroad, & the dearness of silver here, & beleeving that our stock sent to the Bay may fall short of purchaseing the Investment wee are ordred to be made there, notwithstanding what wee have written you in the 6th: paragraph of this Letter wee doe hereby direct that you take up on our account what mony you can gett upon Bills of Exchange on the reasonablest Termes procureable, in such case wee would have you supply our Councill in the Bay with such a further Sum in Madrass or other Rupees as you Judge necessary, or by corresponding with them you find they may want, because the fine goods from the Bay will in all probability turn to better account then coast goods, especially considering the New Duty now about to be lay'd, Wee rather incline that you should supply our occasions by drawing bills on us, but if not to be done wee hope you will be able to gett mony at 8 ℔ Cent ℔ Ann: interest, as the Gentn: of the old Compa: acquaint us you have lately done for them, & in such case you may [borrow larger] Sum towards makeig Investmts: with you & in [. . . .] next year.

69. The [. . .] [that] Mr: Woolston [. . . .] [Metch]lepatam & has not accounted with their Presidt: & Councill, wherefore wee hereby direct that Mr: Woolston be sent up to the Fort to adjust his accounts, because as wee are informed Mr: Lovell who was Joyned with him lays severall charges upon him & it is necessary that both should be face to face, But as both Compas: have mutually agreed to forgett former Injuryes, wee would have you do the same, & regard only his fair adjusting his accounts, wch: done lett him goe down againe or remain where he thinks fitt under our Generall Regulation of free Merchts:

70. Wee have sent you this year the same quantity of Wine &ca: wee did the last. Wee are,

Your Lovg: Friends,

London, 12th: Janry: [1705.]

[Fran] Eyles.
Abraham Beake.
Sam: Shepheard.
Wm: Dawsonne.
Ward.
[S.S.] Pendarver.
Nath: Herne.
John ffleet.
Henry Lyell.
R: Gough.
F: Gibbon.
Geo: Dodington.
Sam: Heathcote.
Charles Peer.
Edw: Allen.

Wee have taken security for Mr: William Dean as a ffactor, who is to come into that station at the expiration of five yeares from the time he entred into ye: Compas: Service.

LIST OF THE PACKETT BY THE FFLEET FRIGATT FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

Nº. 1. Genl : Lettr : not fully signed & will be sent by post to Plimouth.
2. Copy of Last Genl : Lettr : of 6 & 26 Jan : 1703.
3. Copy of the Secries : Lettr : of 9 Feb : 1703.
4. Invoice amot : to £ 26626 : 17 : 5,
5. Bill of loading.
6. Copy of Charterparty.
7. Printed indulgence.
8. Orders for investment.
9. Mr : Carstaigns papers of both Compas : Sales.
10. Copies of entries of Separate Stock traders.
11. Account of the duties on East India goods.
12. Votes of Parlt : relateing to further duties.
13. List of ye : packett.
14. List of New Compas : Servants on ye : Coast.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST FOR THE SHIPS NOW SENDING OUT THITHER [. .] YEAR 1704/15.

	Pieces.
Longcloth—Nº. 1, 2 & 3 Twenty thousand Pieces	20,000
Dº : Midling—Three thousand Pieces	3,000
Dº : Fine—If it be bought at encouraging Prices and in proportion to ye : other Longcloth Two thousand Pieces Nº : F. 1. 2 & 3.	2,000
Longcloth Blew If to be gott of the Deep blews that look almost black such as the Dutch buy and are by reason of the deep dye proper for Exportation—Two thousand Pieces	2,000
Longclº : Brown Nº : V. are best because strongest Two thousand Pieces	2,000
Sallampores Nº : 2 & 3. Twenty thousand Pieces	2,000
Dº : fine Nº : 18, 19, to be bought at encouraging and in proportion to ye : other Salampores Two thousand Pieces	2,000
Dº : brown One thousand Pieces Nº : V. are strongest	1,000
Izzarees Five hundred Pieces	500
Ginghams of the Yard wide One thousand Pieces	1,000
Dº : of the Yard and half wide ffive hundred Ps :	500
Moorees Course & fine Two thousand Pieces	2,000
Bettellees Striped. Six thousand Pieces take care they are clear Cloth & well sorted with Two Stripes	6,000
Bettellees Oringll : if very good & cheap bought One thousand Ps :	1,000
Bettellees plain Nº : 25. 26. 27. 28 Twelve thousand Pieces ...	12,000
Neckcloths twelve & sixteen in a string to be half Ell wide Two thousand Pieces	2,000
Allejaes ffour thousand Pieces	4,000
Sacerguntees One thousand Pieces	1,000
Saderuncheraes One thousand Pieces	1,000
Callowaypoose One thousand Pieces	1,000
Cotton Yarn [. . . . . . .]	[...]
Redwood [. . . . . . .]	[...]

LIST OF THE NEW COMPANIES SERVANTS ON THE COAST.

Time of goeing out.	Names.	Stations.	Sallaries.
1698	Mr : William Tillard	2d : & Warehousekeeper	£60
1700	Mr : Landon Chaplin	Sallarie & gratuity	100
Ditto	Mr : Robert Glessell	Paymaster & Accomptant ...	40
1698	Mr : John Eaton	Writer Storekeeper at Madapolm :	20

Time of goeing out.	Names.	Stations.	Sallaries.
1698	Mr : Daniel Cole	Writer: assistant to ye: Warehousekeeper at Madapollam ...	20
Ditto	Mr : Robert Raworth	Secretary	20
1699	Mr : Duke Faunce	Steward at Madapolm:	20
Ditto	Mr : Phillip Baker	in the Accomptants office ...	20
1701	Mr : George Clark	Steward at Metchlepatam ...	20
1698	Mr : Edward Jackson	under ye : Warehousekeeper ...	36

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST: GEORGE. LONDON, JAN. 18: 1705 RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGAT, JUNE 27TH: 1705. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 77–80].

TO THE GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: GEORGE & THE REST OF THE COUNCIL THERE FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY.

GENTn :

Wee have desired and empowered Mr: William Frasier and Mr: Thomas Wright to joyn with and assist Mr: William Tillard in adjusting our Accounts on the Coast of Cormandell and ordred them to draw upon us Bills of Exchange for Payment of what shall be found justly due from us if any, and the court of Managers haveing at our request given leave to the said Gentn: to goe down to Medapollam for that purpose, and ordred you to give them your assistance, if they shall have occasion for it, Wee therefore desire that you will assist those Gentn: with your authority and countenance that our accounts may be made up justly and fairly, and that wee may have our due from all persons who shall be debtors to us, & also to befriend us in procureing mony on their Bills of Exchange in case wee shall have occasion, which shall be punctually complyd with by us. Wee are,

LONDON, 18TH : JANRY : [1705.]

Your Lovg: Friends,
WM : COTESWORTH.
GEO : DODINGTON.
ABRAHAM BEAKE.
EDWARD DARELL.
WM : DAWSONNE.
MICHAELL MITFORD.
[. . . .]
SAM : HEATHCOTE.
PETER PAGGEN.
R : GOUGH.
ROB : MICHEL.
WM : S. FERRARS.
CHARLES PEER.
BEN ROKE[. .]

LETTER FROM THE COMPANY'S SECRETARIES TO FORT ST: GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 27,1705. RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGAT, JUNE 27, 1705. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 81–84].

GENTN :

Inclosed is an account of all that the Company have Licenced by this Ship Fleet frigatt, which could not be gott ready to send in the Court of Managers Generall Letter, and therefore by their order wee now send you the same.

Wee are,

Gentn :
Yor: most humb Servts :
JOHN GARDNER.
THOMAS WOOLLEY.

LONDON, 27TH : JAN : [1705.]

Despatches from the Company, 1705–1706.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JANUARY 18, 1706. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, JANUARY 16, 1707. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 93–108.]

LOND^o^ : THE 18th : JANRY [1706.]

OUR GOVERN^r^ : AND COUNCIL OF FFORT St GEORGE.

1. We wrote you last year by the ffleet frigot & Somers a short Letter dated the 19th : Decemb^r^ : 1704 relating to y^e^ : dispatch of our ships and more at large by said ships the 12th : Jan^ry^ : foll^o^ : copy of which comes Enclosed since then we have rec^d^ : your Severall Letters Viz^t^ : of the 15th : and 19th : September by the Danes ships and by our own ships of the 15th : Jan^ry^ : 14th : of ffebr̃y two of the 15th : and one of the 26th : of said Month of ffebry 1704–5 now before us to answer which we shall continue to do under the severall heads formerly advised wherein we shall be the shorter as considering that whatever former directions we have given, You will look upon as so many standing Orders remaining still in force unless we should find cause to recall or alter any of them in which Case our last Orders are to be observed we therefore proceed.

FFIRST CONCERNING SHIPS SENT OUT & RETURNED.

2. Through the Divine goodness we have had arrived in safety under the Convoy of the Men of War appointed for that purpose our ships Tavistock Dutchess Sydney & Scipio from the Coast and Bay The Kent from China and ye Anna from Bencoolen and with them the Chamber frigott belonging to the old Company from the Coast and & y^e^ : Samuel and Anna to the New from the Bay The Rochester a separate stock ship from Muscatt and Suratt & y^e^ : Marlborough from China They all imported Ireland the 27th : September and gott into the River of Thames about the 20th : November where they are now unlading.

3. We are sending out to the severall parts of India [. . .] Ships following this season Viz^t^ :

		Tons.		
Lyampo	... ...	130	Capt : Edward Barlow	for Mocho [. . .]
Oley frigott	... ...	180	Capt : John Opie ...	for China.
Tankerville	... ...	425	Capt : Chas : Newnam	for the [. . .]
Hallifax	... ...	350	Capt : Henry Hudson	for the [. . .]
Orungzebe	... ...	450	Capt : John Edwards	for [. . .]
Edward & Dudley	...	300	Capt : Willm : Lambert	for [. . .]
Carlton	... ...	275	Capt : Phillip [ ] owne	for [. . .]

4. The two first lately [. . .] Dow [. . .] are falling down [. . .]

This [. . .] as ℘ Enclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading and by the Copy of the Charterparty you will see all the Conditions of her affreightment.

5. We send out this season as you will observe but a small quantity of Tonnage in comparison of what might be expected considering the Trade to India is united and y^e^ : separate Effects of Both Comp^as^ : near brought home. The reason is the heavy Dutyes we ly under on almost all sorts of Goods the 15 ℘ Cent on white Callico's &c^a^ : goods on y^e^ : gross amount at the sale being added to all the rest last year and the dulness of the Marketts for the goods we import together with the present scarcity of Bullion and the populour clamour against us for sending out what we do, these things prevent our Endeavours to enlarge the trade as we ought to do to reimburse the charges we are at in all Parts of India and at home and to render us some tollerable proffit so that as wee have very good reason we must continue our recõmendations to you to be as frugall as possible and lessen every Expence for that we are not able to bear a great charge with so small a trade.

6. We are sorry to read the ffrench have gott so many Prizes in India but approve the care you took to advise into y^e^: Bay of their arrivall as also for sending the like notice to our returning China Ships and the caution you used with relation to our ships lading at Madrass to prevent their falling into the ffrenches hands.

7. We approve in like manner your advices of ships importing at or departing from any Port or Place in India or China whether they belong to ourselves or other English or Europeans and do not doubt but you will continue the same on all occasions we question not but long before this you have heard the Westmoreland was gotten to Bombay in March last.

8. We are well pleased with your care in preventing our Ships lying on Demorage and can't omitt to take notice of your extraordinary dispatch in unlading the Sidney & load[ing] her home for England a Sommer ship.

9. We observe you have sent the Huglyana Ketch to y^e^: West Coast with Salt Petre Redwood and Stores and in the sequell of this Letter you will see the great reason we have to complain of the intollerable ill management of affairs there and [that] course we think proper to take to retrieve all [. . . .] squander'd away and prevent y^e^: [. . . .].

10. [. . . .] ffreight Goods [. . . .] been glad [. . . .] you had known and sent us an acco^t^: what it was that it might have been a check upon the Supra Cargoes at their return.

11. You did very well to let out the Queen for Eight thousand Pagotha's freight to China and Persia we note that you have advanced the Captain Six hundred Pagotha's for Nine hundred and Sixty Dollars on the Charterparty terms.

12. We are very much concerned for the unfortunate Loss of the Neptune which is aggravated by the manner of her Shipwreck and can't but regrett to say no worse that no care was taken by those on the other Coast to recover her lading you did well in what you endeavour'd and we observe the delay in the Vessells you wrote for from Metchlepatam and Bengall prevented your good designs by coming too late but we don't find any good reason given why those at Metchlepatam were so delay'd so that it appears to us the effect of a very blameworthy supineness or want of Zeal and fidelity for our service.

13. We note the advice you give us of what loaden on the Dutchess & Sydney for the Acco^t^: of the Old Company.

14. We have rec^d^: the acco^t^: of goods wanting in y^e^: Sydney of her China Cargo and the Supra Cargo's answer thereto which together with their Acco^ts^: of the Voyage we shall further consider of when these Ships are gone or our hurry about their dispatch is over that we may have time to examine the Supra Cargo's about the said want & shall then also consider what you write touching the Estate of M^r^: Brodrepp deceased.

15. We take notice how you have already & further do intend to Employ the Loyall Merchant.

16. We know not what to think that you had no News of the Martha the 26th: ffebry since our Bay Letter tells us she was dispatched from Ballasore the 4th: January and order'd to touch at Vizagapatam for goods in her way up to you we hope however she arriv'd with you time enough to load her home in September a Winter Ship and that she will bring the News of it in our expected Winter ffleet.

17. We note that you could have speedily dispatcht y^e^: Dutchess to us after her arrivall the 24th; November in case you had rec^d^: the Petre from the Bay [destined] to be but aboard her which as you say did not [. . . .] till the 7th: January we have in our Letter [. . . .] complained of this [. . . .] right and [Ze . . . .] [. . . .].

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

18. We observe by the acco^t: of sales of our Bullion and Woollen Manufactures rec^d: in the Dutchesses Packett That you sold part of our Cloth by Outcry and your reason for selling the rest by contract at 20 ₱ Cent profitt on the Invoice to be paid at Nine Shillings a Pagotha and Two Three Months time as by your Consultation of the 5th: Octob^r: and That you disposed of ffifteen Chests of the Martha's Silver for Coynage at Sixteen Dollars and a half weight for Ten Pag^os: and the rest at seventeen & One Eight'h wherein we hope it will appear you acted for our most advantage.

19. We note the seventeen Bales sent to Vizagapatam yielded only ten ₱ Cent profitt on the true cost ₱ Invoice but we dont know the reason of the difference between that and Madrass.

20. We observe the Credit of Two three Months you give and the taking the Pag^os: at Nine shillings greatly lessens the profitt on our cloth.

21. Our aim in generall is to increase the Consumption of our Woollen Manufacture and for the sake of y^e: Kingdom would be content to abate of the expected profitt so as thereby we could make the wear and use of it more generall but then as Merchants we must add and doubt not but you will so do that the more we gett by it the better so as the dearness do's not check the Expence.

22. We approve the care you take to prevent y^e: damage of Woollen goods in your Warehouses and hope you will continue it, also that you have adjusted with the Captain of the Martha the Sea Damage of that ships cloth and rec^d: the money for it.

23. We are sorry to understand by your Letter that there should be so great difference in the goodness of the cloth you rec^d: and little or none in the Prices & shall cause dilligent enquiry to be made how it comes to pass so soon as you shall give us the necessary assistance and help therein by telling us in what Bales and mentioned their Marks and N^o: Especially where the difference was notorious which omission supply by your next.

24. [The] Invoice will tell you what sort and quantities [. . .] now sent the List of what you [. . .] but it was so late that our Cloth . . .] ready before we rec^d: it.

25. By said Invoice you will also see what Wine is sent you we send no Beer since you advise so much of y^e: last proved sour.

26. Our Accomptant will take notice of the Bale of cloth Rashes N^o: 38 and the Bale of Broad cloth ordinary Green N^o: 117 which you advise to have rec^d: more than mention'd in the Martha's Invoice.

27. We are concerned to read in yours of 26th: ffebry that the China Goods are at so low a rate with you and in y^e: Bay that you know not when to sell the quicksilver and Vermillion and that the Dutch in the Ship the ffrench took had ffive thousand Nine hundred Chests of Copper which they were bringing out of the Bay for the Coast and others of their Vessells brought Tootenague from thence on the like Acco^t. This gives us occasion to tell you that we were apprehensive we should clog those Marketts for which reason last year we sent but one ship to China out and home and one other to China and Suratt and this year send only a small Ship for China and England and don't intend to send any more on round about Voyages nothing but the smallness of our adventure and the scarcity of Bullion could have induced us to have don it for the first two outsetts of our shipping and we have this further reason for our sending out none now and our intention not to do it in future because we know such Voyages take away most of the usuall profitt expected by yourselves and other Inhabitants of Madrass who yearly trade to China and back but then as we will not grudge you this part of yor: trade nor lessen it, we expect you take care our orders about separate Traders in the sequell of this Letter be exactly and constantly complyed with.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

28. We note what you advise touching yor: Endeavours to reduce the Prices of all sorts of Goods and what success you have had therein as also what Investments were made at Madrass, ffort S^{t}: Davids, Metchlepatam Vizagapatam and Madapollam that our present direction of buying Goods of the Merchants without impresting them money before [. . .] down currant with them, that [. . .] therein [. . .] fear we [*one line lost*] that we have so small a stock to invest on this shipping that there is no reason for such fear now and we believe tho it is difficult at first to change the Course of the trade the Merch^{ts}: were in of going to Markett with our money in their hands yet time and custom will do it our main aim is to prevent bad debts which this method seems best accommodated for and we can't be under apprehensions of any inconveniency thereby till our demand for Coast Goods is much larger than at present which when it shall be we can leave to your mannagement to deviate in some measure if absolute necessity requires it and the quantitys are not otherwise procurable.

29. We observe you acquaint us this our present method could not be observed at Vizagapatam for y^{e}: Investment made there but that it was made we suppose you mean by giving out money before hand however as beforementioned we would have our ffactors there introduce it in future not doubting but by their hearty and steady resolution and a good mannagement it may be effected.

30. When all our goods rec^{d}: from you are gott into the Warehouses and open'd we shall then be able to give you our opinion and make the necessary Remarks upon them, as to their Price and goodness and the equality of the goods in their Sortments and Embaling.

31. You will find by the Invoice how many Chests of Gold and Silver we have laden on this ship besides the Woollen and other goods Thirty Eight Chests of the silver is intended for the Bay and the other part thereof together with y^{e}: goods are to be invested on the Coast which we compute may with the Salt Petre to be provided for her by those in the Bay compleat her loading the said Thirty Eight Chests of the Silver we would have you coyn into Rupees with all Expedition and send on the Tankerville down into the Bay to enable them to buy up a good quantity of fine goods by which only we can expect to get any tollerable proffitt we rec^{d} : from thence by this Shipping [as] great quantitie of Lacks, Nux Vomica, Ginger and [Turme]rick by which we shall be prodigious loosers [. . .] for sending them was y^{e}: smallness [. . .] from being a good one we [. . .] of the Old Company that [. . .] in the Bay & within two ℘ Cent equall to Sicca Rupees and from the Bay they now write us that the Battee on Dollars is 10½ ℘ Cent which is so great a loss that we have resolved to introduce again our Madrass Rupees there hoping when the shroffs come by experience to be fully sensible they are of equall weight and matt with the Bay Rupee they will advance in reputation.

32. Herewith you will receive the List of Goods which we would have you provide and return us on this Ship.

33. Lacks are here so dull a Commodity occasioned by y^{e}: vast quantityes of late imported that they sell at one third of y^{e}: Price they did some years ago so that we would not have you send any Pegu sticklack till further order.

34. We observe the heat of your Climate has frustrated yor: Endeavours to raise Silk worms and since you found the Mulbery trees would not thrive you did well to put a full stop to any further Expence.

FFOURTHLY TOUCHING Y^{E}: TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WTH: THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

35. We have considered your 30th: Parag^{a}: about Messrs: Griffeth and Bugden setting at Atcheen and read over yor: Consultation and Instructions given them on that Acco^{t}: and on the whole we approve thereof so as we be not at any

charge thereby being willing to encourage our Serv[ts]: generall trade in India and we apprehend this their undertaking is on acco[t]: of consignments they expect from Madrass and other Places The countenance you give them in letting them appear as our ffactors we find no fault with on supposition you will take care they shall not entail any demands upon us by running in Debt with the Government or otherwise and in case you should find they any way misbehave themselves we hope you will interpose as you see necessary.

36. We apprehend the Moors threatning you in ffebry and March to take away our Towns was principally intended to get a good Piscash and that they took that season when they knew our Ships [were] going or gon hoping to frighten you into a Coast [. . . .] we are glad to read your Resolution to [defeat] [. . . .] your purpose and defeated [. . . .] would [*one line lost*] can by such stratagems get money from you it [will] in effect prove only a bribe to encourage the like practice as often as their avaritious humour thinks fitt.

37. We hope you will make an example of that Armenian whenever you can catch him who caused you so much trouble with the Gov[r]: of S[t]: Thoma if it were for no other reason than to deter others.

38. We approve of your doing yourselves and your Inhabitants justice by reprizing yourselves for what seized in Mangamaus Countrey and by the People of Tanjore which is the best way to make those treacherous People hearken to reason and prevent any future attempts on your Inhabitants for that it will awe them into fair dealing with you when the Principles of naturall justice are not of themselves sufficient for it.

39. Your receiving the Portugueeze of S[t]: Thoma into sanctuary at Madrass when the scuffle happen'd between them and the Moores Govern[r]: we think was not amiss for that it gives a reputation to you and we can't believe if there be a prudent conduct it will at any time turn to our disadvantage because we are informed that some years ago when the Moors & Morattas were at Wars in the country they both in their turns fled for refuge to Madrass when the other was the Victor which gave our People then a fair handle to get the respect and good offices of both as occasion presented but whether y[e]: Portugeez will requite you if they have opportunity is somewhat dubious to us because on Bombay side where they have rec[d]: the like favour they have shew'd themselves afterwards to have very short memoryes.

40. We observe That you think it was good mannagem[t] in M[r]: Holcomb to gett off with Three thousand seaven and Ninety Rupees presented the New Nabob who came to reside near Vizagapatam we should have been pleased if he had wrote you that he had obtained something, from the Nabob worth the money without which we will not consent that a penny be spent hereafter we would be glad to hear what we are the better for that Present or what [charge] would have accrued if it had been refus'd.

41. [. . .] M[r]: ffawcett is sent to Metchlepatam [. . . .] Madapollam & there and to [. . . .] Pag[os]: a month and to [. . . .] you see fitt either [*a line lost*] ordered.

FFIFTHLY TOUCHING OUR FFORTIFICATIONS AND BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

42. We observe with great satisfaction what you write that you will put us to no charge in our ffortifications but what is absolutely necessary as the Platform at the Sea Gate was and so also was the Brick wall about the Black Town which you hoped to compleat as last summer but while we are saying this we must tell you we are as greatly concerned to find That in a twelve months time those whom you appointed to scrutinize into the unequall assessment of the People to pay the Charge should make you no Report and that for a double reason the one is because by your 35th: Para: of the Letter now answering it appears to us that was first to be done before the Remainder of y[e]: money to defray that charge

could be fully collected and yᵉ: other is because we remember last year by the Colchester in your 57th: Parᵃ: you mention a scandalous Paper was dropt in Madrass Copy of which you then sent and by the stile of it we are ready to apprehend it was as you then wrote don by some of our own servants or other ill willers to our Interest with an intention to make the People mutinous Especially considering that the complaints therein against Serapau were as you advise examined and found notoriously false we would hope none of those so appointed were secrettly concerned in that Paper but we think it is very plain they wanted that zeal which is necessary to be shown by all faithfull Servants or they would have hasten'd their Report which we expect be don as is promised soon after the dispatch of our ships nor can we apprehend it was so unreasonable a demand on the Inhabitants to make them in proportion contribute towards the charges you were at during Doud Cauns laying with his army before Madrass and investing the Place or that the Interest of the money you expended on the said wall is not as well due as yᵉ: Principall since the Inhabitants as you write desired yoʳ: Building it for their security with a promise of reimbursing the charge. To say they pay customs and Excise as that scandalous Paper urges has no foundation in it to support an argumᵗ: that we alone should bear the charge of yᵉ: Peoples security when Doud Caun threaten'd them what Englishman in Madrass that know [. . .] the English constitution can be ignorant [. . .] but in fear of any Enemy [. . .] by a Land tax [*a line lost*] nation raise a[.] Excises defray the charges necessary to defend it or offend the Enemy We should be glad to have plain Evidence of yᵉ: true Authors of that Paper and then you should see wee would not be wanting to prevent the like in future however we must here add we would alwaies have you prevent all occasions of complaint in the mannagement of any yoʳ: under officers by punishing such as in any part transgress your Rules which your Inhabitants will be pleased to see don and will contribute the more chearfully their Parts in all necessary Taxes imposed on them on the like occasions & when you are necessitated to raise such remember the Old adage *Suaviter in modo fortiter in re.*

43. We approve your yearly sending us all accoᵗˢ: of Expences with you and the thriftyness you say is used therein as also your prudent foresight in laying up Provisions live and Dead to serve you in Case of a seige which together with the good condition you are in we doubt not but the Enemy is well informed of and by Consequence causes them to defer troubling you and in this case wee leave the whole to you from time to time so to act as you shall find necessary for our Service and yᵉ: security of the Place.

44. We note what you write touching yᵉ: Beetle Tobacco and Arrack ffarms also the Rent of the Towns & wine Lycense That you think the first ought not to be raised because [it] lyes on the working People wherein we can't be so particular in our Determinations here as we would for want of knowing all the Circumstances necessary for our Information If the Beetle and Tobacco sold the Natives in the Countrey comes to them as dear or dearer than the People have it Madrass or if it do's not and the People find other Conveniencies by living in Madrass that do's much more than make amends we think they have no reason to complain for thus you know here Handicrafts People must pay twice as much for meat drink & lodging as they do in many parts of the Countrey. But then their wages and Price of their work being so much more than they can get in the Country they rarely or never leave London to return to their cheaper living when they once have tasted the difference, on the whole we say you are on the Place all the arguments pro and con you can and we doubt not but you will [find] we rely on your understandings Zeal and [. . .] leave it to you to do what you [. . .] to our generall Interest [. . .] Place has been raised [. . .] Chinapatam or little Town so it is Capable of yet further Improvement and that you will for the Good of Posterity as well as ourselves be often thinking what will and putting such thoughts in practice as may render its Revenues yet more advantagious wherein the easyer and more generally liked the methods are the better.

45. You did well not to take any Custom on the Goods landed out of the Stretham by her Supra Cargo's belonging to us which as you truly observe would lessen her stock and we hope they did not Colour any of their own private Goods among those so landed which we recomed to you to make on all such occasions diligent search to prevent and if you see it necessary learn the truth by their Entry of all upon Oath as you mention in your Consultation should be don with relation to the Strethams Private Goods.

46. It has been suggested to us That to encrease the appearing advance of Customs at Fort S[t]: Davids those there have taken custom on our Own Goods we would hope there is nothing in it however make strict enquiry & let us know the truth.

47. Soldiers are so difficult now to be gotten that it is with much ado we can procure any to be sent to Bombay where they are extream weak for want of them if we shall be able to send you any you will know it by the List to be enclosed with this Letter or apart and during this exigency we would have you as occasion offers put in practice what we wrote in the 33[d]: Par[a]: of our Letter by the ffleet ffrigot & Sommers to engage such with you whose covenanted Term of five Years is expired to continue longer by giving them an additional encouragement.

48. You will also see in the 66 Par[a]: of the said Letter we gave you liberty to pull down one of the Madapollam ffactorys.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS OFFICERS & SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCO[TS]:

49. We take notice of what you write about M[r]: Berlu & would have you continue your usuall method of having no military Officers in the Council but if any of our Council have a Military Genius you may if you see fit make any of them honorary [. . .] so as we be at no charge [. . .] which God forbid [. . .] of you or those [*two lines lost*].

50. You will see in our last Years Letter we reinstated M[r]: Empson in the Council at the ffort and our reasons for so doing.

51. Wee have considered the Par[a]: of your Letter and your Consultation about the Secrys: ffees which you urge is for his encouragement and is much less than in Bengall by what we know of the Secretarys fees in Bengall this Table of fees in the Consultation is much greater and in some parts affects our Revenues in others is oppressive on the poor and in the rest too exorbitant we do by these Letters retrench the Bengall fees for that if we are rightly informed the Secretary there perverted our design as to the ffort we will not introduce any new demands of this nature what has been formerly allowed lett the Secretary now take and no more.

52. We have received a Letter from M[r]: ffarmer at ffort S[t]: David and for the reasons therein mentioned & by enquiring into his behaviour have tho[t]: fit to reinstate him in the Coun[l]: at S[t]: David in the station he formerly was that is to say next after M[r]: Ingram of which advise them but if we understand his menacing humour mentioned in your Consultations of the 30th: Novem[r]: continues we shall repent of our favour to him.

53. At the desire of M[r]. Vicessimus Griffiths friends we here permit him if he chooses it to leave his place in Council at ffort S[t]: Davids and reside at ffort S[t]: George and in such case do order that he be put into the Council when a vacancy happens.

54. We hear a good Character of M[r]: Nathaniel Barrow at present at ffort S[t]: Davids and that he is well skilled in Acco[ts]: and an Industrious man that loves business for which reason we would have him removed to Madrass and be employed in the Accomptants Office there where we think he may be more usefull than he is at present.

55. At M[r]: Richard Skingles friends desire we hereby direct that he be preferred at ffort S[t]: Davids where he now resides according to his merit we having received a good character of his diligence and ingenuity.

56. There is one Mr: Duke ffaunce on the Coast who by his Stat[ion] is a ffactor having been five Years a Writer in the New Compas: Serv[ice] so soon as he has served three years a ffactor let him be preferred to be a Mercht: we hope he will approve himself to your satisfaction [. . .] you will have a regard to him answerable [. . .]

57. Preferred according to his [. . .]

58. Security given by his friends at the ffort wherein for want of due information the Title of the Compas: is put wrong herewith you will receive a blank bond & Covenants for him to sign anew which we have but lately settled.

59. We have had applications made to us on behalf of Mr: Heaton and other particular free Merchants and sea-faring People residing at Madrass to recomend them to your favour we tell them in generall & doubt not but it will be so That you will give all just encouragement to every person to follow their honest trading according to our Rules & Limitations and that such as do conform to those Rules will always have your countenance & protection & free liberty to pursue their own methods of Trade and Adventures.

60. Application having been made to us That one Henry Watson a souldier at ffort St: Davids may be discharged he having, as is alledged, served there seven Years we hereby direct that if he have served out his Covenanted Term of five Years and desires leave to return you permit him so to do according to our customary method.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING OUR ACCOMPTS.

61. We must not omit taking notice under this head of your care in getting our Accots: brot: up and sent thô in a hurry We were much concerned to read in your Consultation of the 10th: Jañry: they were neglected so long time and the 7th: Para: of your Letter of the 14th: ffebry: says the Genl: Books were with much ado made up and are sent thô you apprehend there may be Errors which if so will be rectifyed in the next we observe they conclude the 30th: April 1704 so that it is a very great failure in the duty of ye: Accompt: to neglect it so long and we must say as he is Second of the Council for that by ancient constitution is the Accomptants Place he could not or at least ought not to be ignorant of the 3d: Para: of our Genl: Instructions by the Tavestocks wherein we direct That our accounts be kept up Posted so as not to be a Week behind unposted on any pretence whatsoever. This neglect in so principal a part of our Affairs deserves a just animadversion but in hopes it will be so no more we are unwilling to say more of it only adding That we would have you at least once a month examine in the Consultation what forwardness the Accots. are in and if you find any negligent therein which is not amended after fair warning given [. . .] that are culpable and advise us for [. . .] excuse but all [. . . . . .].

62. We are [*a line lost*] all mistakes or Errors rectifyed in the next Books and that Duplicates be sent us every year which we would have done as well in Peace as War lest we should have the like miscarriage as was by the Bedford.

63. These ships arriving so late and the full employ our accomptants are in in hastening away our Outward bound Ships causes that we cant have the Accots: & Consultations &ca: Books received from you examined at present in order to send you our remarks thereon.

64. We have accepted the two Bills you drew on us payable to the Bishop of Bangor and Sr: Salathiel Lavell.

EIGHTHLY AS TO THE SEPARATE TRADERS.

65. We Note your advices touching the separate stock ships arriving with you and elsewhere and that the Rising Sun and the Marlborough who had been at Madrass did not trade for half their Licence which gives us occasion to insert here the substance of what we now write to the Bay on the like Accot: and shall do to all other Parts of India for their and your direction Vizt: That if the

separate stock ships did trade upon ye: square and with no more value than they enter out here or the produce thereof we shd: not take notice of a little enlargement in the respect paid them but since experience fully evidences that they bring home Cargo's which cost treble the money we can have returned for ye: same value carryed out by us it is past contradiction that they do break the Act & must be supplyed in India or else do carry out Clandestinely more than appears to us and that we may do what in us lies to prevent such illegal Trade we hereby order & Direct.

That none of our servants in any [of] our Settlements or those who receive wages from us do directly or Indirectly load or cause to be loaden any Goods or Merchandizes in India on any separate stock ship for Europe nor lade or cause to be laden on board any separa: stock ship any goods or Merchandizes to be carryed from port to port nor Trade with the said ships or any that belong to them in any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever or advance any money to them on Bottomree inform us if any others do lend them on Bottomree.

And for the Encouragement of all Persons to discover illegall Trade carryed on by ye: said ships or their Agents or people we do here[with send] you our order made the 19th: Septemr: last wherein you [. . .] give half to ye: Person who discovers or sues for such [. . .] that shall be recovered on such suit [. . .] and all others in the making such [. . .] the entrys of ye: separate [. . .] on board more than is contained in or is the produce of such Entries be seized and condemned as the act directs in that case & to that end that you search each ship on her arrivall.

66. We observe that you have sent sevl: stores & necessarys to Pulo Condore by the Stretham as ℘ Invoice & some soldiers which wee approve we advised you last Year of sevl: ships we then sent to Benjar and that we resolved to build a ffortification there and by those ships we ordered the withdrawing of Pulo Condore which we suppose is done before this we observe what you write of ye: Comodiousness of ye: place but on our best enquiry here of divers who have been there we cant be assured the Island will afford provision for any number of people or so much as Water all the year or that there is a good harbour against both Monsoons or if they were that the Trade to us in China Goods to be brought thither would turn to accot: of wch: is a great doubt that we could be secured of having sufficient quantitys for our ships when they arrive for ye: Junks who did resort to that Place brot: but ye: refuse of ye: Europe Ships leavings and sold them so dear if ye: accot: we have of their Prices be true that ye: Buyers would not see their mony again if they were brot: hither Copper we loose by if we pay whole freight for it Tootenague is yet worse China Ware as bad what we have by us will not sell to see our first Charge in some Years but that we must have some to fill up all Druggs from thence not worth bringing only Tea & Wrought silks of propers Colours & ffabricks worth bringing to any proffit so that we have resolved as aforementioned to retire entirely from thence to Benjar where we hope the China Ships which annually come thither for Pepper will bring whatever it could be expected they should to Condore and we saved the charge of that settlemt: which at this time especially we ought to do and to retrench all we can every where else for ye: reasons before taken notice of. We are,

Your loving friends,
John Ffleet.
[Urban] Hall.
Tho: Cooke.
Henry Lyell.
Gilbert Heathcote.
Nath: Gould.
Arth: Moore.
Sam: Heathcote.
[Josh: Martin].
[Nic:] Touxton.
Robt: Raworth.
Edw: Allen.
Ffran: Brerewood.
James Bull.

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE. LONDON, FEBRUARY 13 1706. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, AUGUST 15, 1706. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 109-112].

LONDON, [13TH: FFEBRY:] 1706.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

1. We the Court of Mannagers for the United trade to the East Indies being very desirous to do what may be most convenient for the safety of our returning ships from all parts of India, have thought fitt to appoint & desire S^{r}: Tho: Cooke S^{r}: Edm^{d}: Harrison S^{r}: Jon^{a}: Andrews and M^{r}: Gough to be a Secrett Comittee to give directions to our President for y^{e}: time being for his ordering home all such of the ships now going out or which are then in India as shall be dispatcht by you for England the next season after this arrives with you, either for Sommer or Winter Voyages and to that End you must in your open Instructions direct the severall Comanders to follow the said Presidents orders with relation to their sailing homeward.

2. We would have our President keep the orders of the Secrett Comittee which come herewith private and let no Person whatsoever know their contents which orders so given to Each Comander must be sealed up & superscribed to be open'd when the said Comander comes into the Lattitude of ten degrees S^{o}: tow^{ds}: y^{e}: Cape and not before and when they are open'd that the Mates and Purser be then present and make an attestation thereof under their hands which they are to make Oath of if required at their arrivall here and let the Captain keep the said attestation by him.

3. If any of the ships shall be dispatcht so late as that they can't get about the Cape which we hope will not happen we would then have the Comanders be directed to Winter at Point de Galle on the Island Zeylon where they need not stay longer than the beginning of July Or [if] they are dispatcht at such a season as that they may have a chance to get about and yet shall be forced back after they have used their utmost endeavours to effect [it] in such case order them to go to [Mau]ritius to the South E[ast] side which is the [Windward part of the] Island [where the Dutch have a settlement and their ships resort to advise every comander to take great care in going in and if they] are apprehensive of the least danger let them get a Pylot off to carry them in safety Caution them that if possi[ble] they don't go to the Northwest Harbour or to Carpentors Bay Because there is no security for them and very likely if any ffrench ships are in those parts they will visitt both Places in expectation of prey as knowing our ships usually Winter in one or other of them This Order about wintering at Point de Galle or on the South East side of the Mauritius we would have you observe till further orders from us to alter or contradict the same and to prevent the hazard of either we earnestly desire you will use your utmost diligence in giving all our ships you send home to us as early a dispatch as the nature of your affairs will permit of.

We are,
Your loving friends,

THEOD: JANSSEN.
NIC: TOUXTON.
SAM: HEATHCOTE.
JOHN FFLEET.
[S. S.] PENDARVER.
FFRAN: BREREWOOD.
[UR]BAN HALL.
[. . .] WARD.
THO: COULSON.
EDW: ALLEN.
JOS^{H}: MARTIN.
HENRY LYELL.
NATH: HERNE.
ROB^{T}: RAWORTH.
SAM: [SHEPHERD.]
[SAM] HEATHCOTE.

Despatch from the Company to Fort St: George, London, February 20, 1706. Received per Tankerville, January 16, 1707. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 113—116.]

Our Governour & Council of ffort St: George.

1. Wee wrote you at large the 18th: January which we then closed up and sent on board the Tankerville with the Captains Instructions and orders to sail under convoy of her Majties: Ships in the Downes since which we have considered That the Treasure sent on ye: Hallifax for the Bay and what further designed for them by the Tankerville in Rupees from our Mint with you is too great a value to be ventured on one Ship in fine Bay Goods and as we have advised them so we hereby direct that you send down on the Tankerville such Coast Goods as you shall have ready when you dispatch her into the Bay as far as fifty Tons which our Council in the Bay are to load on Board the Hallifax and return you the same quantity of Tonnage in fine Bay Goods to the end we may divide our adventure. We have likewise ordered them that if any of our last Years Europe ships remain in the Bay when the Hallifax arrives they load part of their fine Goods purchased with the money now sending out on board any of them and in such case of any Europe ship remaining there that they do load one hundred seaventy five Tons of Petre on the Hallifax and two hundred & twelve Tons & a half of Petre on ye: Tankerville.

2. If the Council in the Bay have not Red wood by them for the Hallifax send them her Dunnage Vizt: Six ℔ Cent on the Tankerville keep them always supplyed with Dunnage for our ships and advise them as we do you that no more be sent us for Red Wood is now thirty Pounds a Ton.

3. We would have you send us by every shipping an Accot: of all stores that are spent since the time of ye: preceeding Accot:

4. Give the needfull directions that all your Consultation Books be margined throughout as we are informed you use to do and also Indexed because thereby we may the more readily turn to any matters of particular concernmt: therein.

5. The mother of Thomas Holden a soldier at ffort St: Davids has represented to us That he has served there nine years as a soldier and desires to return for England we tell her that if he has been there five years and [. . .] come home he may [. . .] we hereby continue the [. . .] that is to say such [. . .] of five years [*one line lost*] *vys et medis* by the money paid for raising the money advanced the necessarys given charges of Dyet & ten Pounds a head given for passage stands us in near twenty Pounds this time of War if all live to India and as any dy by the way that charge becomes the greater for which reason the method formerly practiced of allowing soldiers leave to quit the service before their time is out if they paid twelve Pounds permission we would not have continued unless they pay twenty Pounds except you see reason to the contrary which advise us.

6. My Lord Coningsby having represented to us the good Character he has recd: of his Son Mr: ffердinando Coningsby at ffort St: George and desiring us to recomend him to your favour to advance him as he shall be found to deserve so as not to prejudice any other ffactors in our service we hereby direct that he be advanced according to his merit and standing so as not to prejudice any others in the like Circumstances.

7. We recomend also Mr: Motineux and all others with you to your favour under the like limitations.

8. The Tankerville being very deep with the Goods on bo[ard] her we were necessitated to lade thirty six Coyles of Cordage [at] one hundred & ten hundred two Quarter & two Pounds on [the] Hallifax which are Invoiced on that ship but designed for you as we now advise our Council in the Bay and order them to send up the said Cordage to you by the first Opportunity.

9. We have resolved to send and accordingly do send ten of the twenty Chests additional stock designed for the Bay on y^e^: Tankerville and the other ten on the Hallifax we would have you Coyn these ten Chests together with what formerly ordered into Rupees and send them down on the Tankerville as soon as possible.

10. There is with you at y^e^: ffort one M^r^: Thos: Cooke a Writer of whom we have heard a good Character as to his diligence & Ingenuity by other hands as well as by your Letter of the 28th: Janr̄y 170¾ he is Nephew to S^r^: Thos: Cooke a Member of our Court: we recom̄end him to you that he be preferred in our service as he shall be found to deserve without prejudice to others.

We are,
Your loving friends,

LONDON, THE 20TH: FFEBRUARY 170⅚.

JON^A^: ANDREWS.
THEOD: JANSSEN.
JOS^H^: MARTIN.
NATH: HERNE.
ROB^T^: RAWORTH.
NATH: GOULD.
[GILBERT] HEATHCOTE.
[SAM.] SHEPHEARD.
S.S. PENDARVER.
[. . .] HARRISON.
[. . BEAKE]
URBAN HALL.
SAM: HEAHCOTE.
[THO: COOKE].

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE LONDON, MARCH 2, 1706. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, AUGUST 15, 1706. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13 *pp.* 117–120.]

BY THE COURT OF DIRECT^RS^: FOR THE SEPARATE AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

TO THE GOVERN^R^: & COUNCILL FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRES OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES AT FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

GENT^N^:

The Company hath not been unsensible of the abuses put upon them by M^r^: John Pitt their late President at Madapollam & Metchlepatam, in the contract he made with the Black Merchants of those places for Goods, agreeing the prizes of them at such extravagant rates, that after their arryvall, and the company had paid the Freights & high Customes for them, most of the said Goods would not sell for more mony then what he has charged them at in the Invoyces for their first cost, whereby the Company have lost an incredible Sume of mony, and could not avoyd suspecting there was an understanding underhand betwixt our Presid^t^: & those Merch^ts^: which the Company should have resented in its due time had he lived.

2. The Company writt you 18th: January 1704 that they had desired Mr: Frasier & Mr: Wright to assist Mr: Tillard in adjusting their Accounts so as they might be made up without their wrong that you should permitt them to goe downe to Metchlepatam, and give them your aid to raise mony upon their Bills, if they wanted any, to pay off their just Debts, But that order ceasing by Mr: Tillards comeing over last year, ye: Compa: are Surprized at the way which hath been taken for adjusting the Accounts by allowing the Black Merchts: all their Demands with Interest thereon, without makeing the least enquiry into the exorbitant prizes or frauds comitted in Piscashes Dustores or any other wayes.

3. The Company also [wrot] to Mr: Frasier & Mr: Wright that they should in Co[nsultation] with Mr: Tillard [. . .] to obtaine us Such [information as] might in [some] measure answere [*one line lost*] now Mr: Tillard is returned to England, wee have fresh occasion to condemn his takeing upon himself to discharge the Debts owing to the Black Merchts: without any regard to our claime of satisfaction from them for those abuses & frauds the Company complaine of, And for that without any directions or allowance from the Company he hath by your advice, as he possitively affirmes, drawne his Bills upon the Compa: for vast Sumes of mony at Ten shillings & Six pence & Pago: towards payment of those Debts as he preten[ded] making therein the value received of severall of you who counselled him thereto, When the currant price for a Pago: on Bills of Exchange for England was but Nine Shillings, at which rate yourselves have by the same Ships drawne Severall Sumes of Mony on the United Company, & beyond which rate the Comp[any] never allowed their Factory to take mony into their Cash upon Bills for carrying on their Trade, & would much less have consented to exceed the Same for Payment of these Debts.

4. Wee hear from all hands that the Black Merchts: have compremised their Demands, & contracted with Some of the Fort to accept Sixty or at most seaventy Per Cent for them, Mr: Tillard saith that he never received any value for the severall Bills he hath drawne on that account, nor doth he know that any Mony was paid to the Black Merchants, or what satisfaction they had for their endorseing so much from the severall Bonds they had of the Companies.

5. The Company cannot but wonder at the formality of the proceedings they find entered in yor: consultation Book, relateing to the Demands of the Black Merchants upon Mr: Tillard, whereby said Tillard hath been prevailed upon, without any directions for it from the Compa[ny] give his Bills on them at that Extr[avagant rate] of Ten Shillings & Six pence per [. . .] under no manner of necessity so [. . .] [ha]ve great reason to complaine of [*a line lost*] employ in their Affaires, as they are concerned one half in the United Trade, & you are since the Union become the Governr: & Council of the English Company for that Trade, for instead of endeavouring to procure satisfaction for them of the Black Merchts: you have rather seemed to justifye the said Merchts: Demands.

6. The Company have therefore refused either to accept or pay any of those Bills, beleeving it unreasonable that they should either pay more Mony then the Black Merchts: have received or are to receive for the Sumes they have writt off by endorsement from their Bonds, or that they should allow a higher rate by Exchange then the course was at that time, or you took up mony for, upon the United Trades Account.

7. The Company have also protested the Bill for the Twenty two thousand one hundred eighty four Pago: due by Bond to Mr: John Affleck, Suspecting it to be Mr: Pitts mony in Mr: Afflecks name, notwithstanding which the Company was willing to have paid Sr: Gilbert Dolben & Mr: Alvares De ffonseca the same at Nine Shillings the Pago: they binding themselves to procure Mr: Afflecks affidavit that it is his proper mony, and that no part or Share of it did belong to Mr: John Pitt, and that the Companies Bond should be delivered up to their order which they refused.

8. The Bill for Eight hundred Sixty Six pound, Two Shillings & a penny, on account of M^{r}: Abendana is also protested, for that the Comp^{a}: had before satisfied & paid the Owners the whole Mony as they advised you in theirs of the said 18th: January 1704.

9. It is manifest by the Consignment of the Norris that the Company did not design to run into [the] Black Merch^{ts}: Debt nor have they at any [. . .] refused to pay all just Demands, & the Comp^{a}: [. . .] owne you did them Ju[stice] in yor: first answer to [M^{r}:] Tillard 14th: Dec^{r}: 1704 [. . .] tell him that you could think of [. . .] then that they [. . .] sent out [*a line lost*].

10. How & for what ends you came afterwards to deviate from that advice you must give the Comp^{a}: leave to Judge.

11. The Company have hitherto maintained a Just reputation in the World, and they have no reason to fear any blemish will remain on them for Suffering these Bills to be protested, w^{ch}: were drawn by M^{r}: Tillard without order & against your own advice, before any of you were concerned in Point of Interest Wee are

Your Loveing Friends,

London, 2^{D}: March [1706.]

Edw: Allen.
Abraham Beake.
Sam. Shepheard.
Edward Darell.
Peter Paggen.
Rob: Michel.
W^{M}: Cotesworth.
Henry Lyell.
Will: S. Ferrars.
Theod: Janssen.
Gilbert Heathcote.
W^{M}: Dawsonne.
[ ] Ward.
Sam: Heathcote.
Jo^{s}: Wordsworth.
Nath^{A}: Gould.
Ben: Rokeby.
Edm: Harrison.
[Jo]hn Edmonds.

Despatch from the Company to Fort St. George. London, March 8, 1706. Received per Tankerville, August 15, 1706. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 121–124 *and* 129–132.]

Our President & Councill of Fort S^{t}: George,

The Court of Directors of the New Company haveing layd before us the Inclosed Memoriall, wee think ourselves obliged to send the same to you, and do expect and require that you do afford your utmost assistance to relieve them in any hardships that have been putt upon them, For wee are Resolved to pursue the Articles of the Union whereby the Two Companies are obliged to assist each

other, and shall as much resent any injury done to either Company, as if done to the United Trade. Wee are,

Your Lovs : Friends,

LONDON, 8th : MARCH 170⅘.

ROB : RAWORTH.
THO : COOKE.
THO : COULSON.
EDM : HARRISON.
ABRAHAM BEAKE.
NATH : HERNE.
EDW : ALLEN.
WM : [HEWER].
[. . .].
SAM : SHEPHEARD.
ARTH : MOORE.
NATH : GOULD.
GILBERT HEATHOOTE.
JONA : ANDREWES.
S. S. : PENDARVE.
FFRAN : BREREWOOD.
HENRY LYELL.
JOSH : MARTIN.

[ENCLOSURE.]

THE NEW COMPANY DO REPRESENT TO THE COURT OF MANAGERS FOR THE UNITED TRADE.

1. That their late President Mr : John Pitt at Metchlapatam (because of the loss of the Norris) had not sufficient Effects to discharge all his Engagements on account of the New Company.

2. That Mr : William Tillard when he heard of the arryvall of the United Ships at Fort St : George went thither.

3. That the Moors Merchts : at Metchlapatam haveing Demands on the New Company, did upon the Insinuations of one Neran follow Mr : Tillard to Madrass, and made their application by Petition to the Governour and Councill there, who comunicated the same to Mr : Tillard and desired his answer thereto, which by their advice he gave them, and severall other matters were transacted for which the Company referr themselves to the Consultation Book.

4. That by the said Consultation Book it appears that on the 14th : December 1704 When Mr : Tillard first came and asked the advice of the Governour & Councill it then was their opinion that no other answer could be given them Than that the Black Merchts : must have Patience till the New Company sent out mony or gave orders therein.

5. That in January following after the Moor Merchts : were come thither, and there was a probability of makeing an advantage thereby, Mr : Tillard was advised by the same Persons to State all the Accounts of the Company, without any Regard to the Comp[anys] Pretentions and to draw Bills on the New Company about Two thirds of the Demands of the Black [Merchants] at Teñ shillings and Six Pence ℘ Pagoda in fa[vour of] those from whom the [. . . .] mentioned to [. . .] tho' at the same time [. . .] but [. . .]

and they paid M[r]: [. . . . .] Black Merch[ts]: [. . . .] Indorsed off the New Companies Bonds as the Bills [he] had given upon the New Company amounted unto.

6. The New Company is credibly informed, and do beleeve that there was an agreement made between the Black Merch[ts]: and those who took upon them to advise M[r]: Tillard that the Black Merch[ts]: should abate about Forty ℘Cent of their Demands.

7. This the New Company take to be a very unfair practice and a great Imposition attempted to be putt upon them, and do think that the United Company is concerned to give them all possible aid and assistance for the Discovery and Remedy thereof.

Signed by Order of the Court of Directors.

SKINNER'S HALL
THE 6th: MAR: [1706.]

T. GILBERT [SEC.]

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, MARCH 21, 1706. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, AUGUST 15, 1706. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 13, *pp.* 125–128 *and* 133–138.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FFORT S[t]: GEORGE.

We have wrote you the Needfull by this Ship Tankerville and its Duplicate sent by the Hallifax Dated the 18th: Janr̃y: 1705 and an additional Letter of the 20th: Ffebruary In our Larger Generall Letter we gave you our directions how you should behave yourselves toward any seperate stock ships that might happen to come to Ffort S[t]: George which we hereby confirme and are now to make further additions thereto for the following reason Viz[t].

2. S[r]: George Mathews made a good voyage In the ship London then a separate stock ship which we are assured he Effected by the help he received at Madras in the Bay and at Persia he has thereby been encouraged to make a second adventure he has now gott Two ships one of about 620 Tons and another of about 130 Tons which are called the Great and Little London the Entry he has made as the act directs and herewith sent will show you That he has but a Legall adventure of six Thousand Nine hundred Ninety nine Pounds Nineteen shillings and three Pence Viz[t]: in the Great London Four Thousand Pounds and in the Little London Two Thousand Nine hundred Ninety Nine Pounds Nineteen shillings and Three Pence You will Easily agree with us that in the fair way of Trade it is Impossible he can Load these two ships with that Cargo and all the fair Improve[ments] to be made from it in Voyaging to and fro.

3. But we are Credibly Informed that his dependence of such [...] in India is not only upon the advice and assistance of [our] ffactoryes and the Persons concerned for us in the Management of our affairs and those who live under our Protection [but] also upon taking up what money he thinks fitt from [his] own People upon Bottomree and having the remain[der of] his ships freighted by them at great advantage [. . .] these Prospects or some such Indirect wayes [we] [. . .] he would not have ventured upon this underta[king .]

4. We are further [Informed that] he Intends [. . .] his ships in India [. . .] compleat [. . .] ward which we [. . .] such case [*a line lost*].

5. We need not tell you that Manage our affairs how unreasonable and unjust it is for so large a Trade to be carryed on upon y[e]: pretence of such small Lycence which in consequence must supplant and destroy the Trade which we are

obliged to carry on upon [so] great an advance to the Government and the Loss we have sustain[ed] and Expence we have been at in making settlements for the better carrying on the East India Trade and therefore you must agree with us that it will be a more unreasonable unjust and unfaithful act in any person Concerned for or under us by their advice assistance lending of money freighting the ships or otherwise to contribute to the destroying or lessening the Benefitts that justly belong to this Comp^{a}: whereupon we must enjoyne your punctuall observance of the 65 Paragraph of our Letter of the 18th: January last under the head of separate stock ships we being fully resolved not to accept any excuse in behalf of any Person who shall offend in the matter afores[aid] or in any other matter that may support such Indirect Practice and we hereby direct you that in case it shall appear to you that any of our servants of what Degree soever do offend in any the aforesaid Particulars that you Immediately displace such Person or Persons out of our service and give us a Particular Accompt thereof that we may proceed further against them according to their Demeritts.

6. We cannot apprehend that S^{r}: George Mathews can procure better freight from Port to Port in India than you can do and if it turns to advantage to him it may be managed to do so to the Comp^{a}: and we do not see you can be without ships for that purpose.

7. S^{r}: George Mathews may perhapps Inform you of a Treaty betwixt the Comp^{a}. and him in order to bring y^{e}: separate stock he now goes out upon at the Expiration of this Expedition into the Generall stock of the Company we having already bought allmost all the Remainder of the separate stock but the unreasonableness of his Terms especially in not subjecting himself to the direction of our ffactoryes in making the Investments of the adventure in which we were to be half concerned hath Intirely broke off that Treaty, and we hope [it] will give us Just reason to be confirmed in the [. . .] good opinion we have of you by [. . . .] in our service as well in the case of [. .] the seperate ships that shall [. . . .].

8. We expect you communicate this to all Places under your directions we have wrote to the same effect to the Bay of Bengall and to Bombay but least any of our [let]res : should miscarry we desire you to send Coppys of this by the first Conveyance to both those Places. We are,

Your loving ffriends,

LONDON, y^{e}: 21st: MARCH 1706.

P.S.

The entires of the great & little London are in the larger Packett included in y^{e}: separate stock Entries.

[ ] WARD.
THEOD: JANSSEN.
HENRY LYELL.
GILBERT HEATHCOTE.
SAM: SHEPHEARD.
NATH: GOULD.
EDW: ALLEN.
ROB^{t}: RAWORTH.
JOS^{h}: MARTIN.
[NIC: TOUNTON].
URBAN HALL.
FFRAN: BREREWOOD.
ABRAHAM BEAKE.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO Y^{e}: FFORT BY Y^{e}: TANKERVILLE.

No.

1. Comp^{as}: Genl: to y^{e}: ffort Dated 18th: Jan^{ry}: 1705 Delivered the Captain in a Pacquet apart.
2. Copy Comp^{as}: Genl: to D^{o}: dated 19th: Decem^{r}: 1704 } sent by the ffleet frig^{t}: & Somers,
3. Copy Camp^{as}: Genl: to D^{o}: dated 12th: Jan^{ry}: 1704 }
4. Invoice of the ship Tankerville amounting to £80,819 : 9 : 9.
5. Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
6. Charterparty of Ditto Ship.
7. Orders of Investment.
8. Copies of the Entries of the separate stock ships.
9. Order of Encouragement for the discovering Clandestine[trade]
10. Bond & Covenants to be Executed by M^{r}: Wigmore & return'd [. .] to be sent [apart].
11. Manifest of goods lycenced to be shipt on board y^{e}: Tankerville.
12. Invoice of Medicines for ffort S^{t}: George in the Chest.
13. Keys of y^{e}: Chest of Medicines for D^{o}: fasten'd to y^{e}: Chest
14. Invoice of Medicines for Fort S^{t}: Davids in the Chest.
15. Keys of y^{e}: Chest of Medicines for D^{o}: N^{o}: fasten'd to y^{e}: Chest.
16. List of souldiers on board the Tankerville.
17. Additional Invoice of 10 Chests of Treasure am^{o}: to £10,889 [. .].
18. Bill of Loading of Ditto to be sent us apart.
19. Comp^{as}: Genl: to the Ffort Dated 13th Ffebry : 1706.
20. Comp^{as}: Genl: to D^{o}; dated 20th Ffebry : 1706.
21. Comp^{as}: Genl: to ffort S^{t}: Davids dated 13th: ffebry : 1705 [sent] under a fflying seal for your perusall.
22. List of ffactors &c^{a}: Covenants to be signed by them & returned us As also the Counterparts of y^{e}: said Covenants in a bundle in the Box.
23. Pacquet directed to y^{e}: President & Council for Affairs of Govern^{r}: & Comp^{a}: of Merchants &c^{a}: At ffort S^{t}: George.
24. Pacquet Directed to the President of ffort S^{t}: George for the time being to be open'd five days before y^{e}: dispatch of the first summer ship for Europe and not before This with N^{o}: 19 are directed under one Sealed Cover [to] the Honble: the Govern^{r}: and Council for Affairs of y^{e}: United East India Company At ffort S^{t}: George &c^{a}:
25. Directions about y^{e}: morters & shells on board y^{e}: Tankerville.
26. Directions about Ditto on board y^{e}: Tankerville for ffort S^{t}: D[avids].
27. Pacquet Directed to the Council for Affairs of the United East India Comp^{a}: at ffort William [. . .] to be forwarded [. . .] Containing [. . .] Comp^{as}: Genl: [*a line lost*].

LIST OF Y^{E}: PACQUET TO Y^{E}: FFORT BY Y^{E}: HALLIFAX.

N^{o}:

1. Comp^{as}: Genl: to y^{e}: ffort dated 18th: Jan^{ry}: 1705. } Sent by the Tankerville.
2. Comp^{as}: Genl: to D^{o}: dated 13th: ffebry: 1705 ... }
3. Comp^{as}: Genl: to D^{o}: dated 20 ffebry : 1705 ... }
4. Comp^{as}: Genl: to ffort S^{t}: Davids dated 13th: ffebry : 1705 sent under a fflying Seal for your perusal.
5. Orders of Investment.
6. Copy of the Entries of y^{e}: separate stock ships.
7. Order of Encouragement for discovering Clandestine trade.
8. Pacquet Directed to the President for the time being to be open'd five days before y^{e}: dispatch of the first Summer Ship for Europe and not before This with N^{o}: 2 are directed under one sealed cover to the Honble: the Govr: and Councill for affairs of the united East India Comp^{a}: at ffort S^{t}: George &c^{a}:

DESPATCH FROM THE COMPANY TO FORT S^{T}: GEORGE. LONDON, APRIL 26, 1706.
[*Letter Book, Vol. XI, p.* 512. (*India office transcript*).]

BY THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SEPARATE AFFAIRES OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

TO THE GOV^{R}: AND COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRES OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES, AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENT^{N}:

Wee are come to an agreement with the Bearers of the Bills drawne on the English Company by Mr. Tillard, and shall pay them to their satisfaction, Except those for Abendanas Mony of which wee advised you to have paid the value before, and wee are of opinion that good part of what wee pay is in our wrong, and Conclude it more than wee justly owe, and therefore expect that all our Bonds be delivered up and Cancelled, being fully determined not to accept or pay any more, And wee desire you to communicate this to all the Free Merchants or others resideing with you, Wee are,

LONDON,
26TH APRIL, 1706.

Your Loving Friends,
J. EDMONDS.
F. EYLES.
W. COTESWORTH.
G. HEATHCOTE.
S. SHEPHEARD.
J. DISTON.
W. DAWSONNE.
M. MITFORD.
N. GOULD.
S. HEATHCOTE.
T. JANSSEN.
W. SCAWEN.
W. STEWART.
R. GOUGH.
B. ROKEBY.

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